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A SWEEPING GESTURE. Chandler Road resident Tom Fitzgerald, of Wilmington, uses a broom to push the snow off the top of his car before he leaves for work on Thursday, December 14. The morning storm marked the first substantial snow fall of the new winter season, but Fitzgerald did not use the day as an excuse to "brush off" work. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Home rehabbing program receives hefty grant

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - When the Board of Selectmen met on December 11, Chairman Michael Newhouse announced some news that should please local residents who need better heat in their homes or have grown tired of placing pans underneath the water dripping through the leaks in their ceilings.

Thanks to a grant in the amount of approximately $600,000, the Town of Wilmington will be able to continue its housing rehabilitation program well into the year 2001. The money has been awarded to the community by the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, which has provided the town with a federal Community Development Block Grant.

Said Newhouse, "The grant round was very competitive, and Wilmington was vying against dozens of other communities for these funds. The Board of Selectmen is pleased that the town can assist 27 more Wilmington families to rehabilitate their homes."

The town's housing rehabilitation program is a moderate one, offering opportunities to residents who would like to replace roofs and heating systems in their homes, upgrade electrical wiring and plumbing, repair porches and other rooms, and address building code violations once and for all.

Planning and Conservation Director Lynn Duncan sees great opportunities in the six figures that have come Wilmington's way.

"This grant award is exciting news for the town," says Duncan. "In addition to helping additional families improve their homes, it means that the Community Development Program office will remain open and continue to work on other beneficial projects, as well."

Duncan also notes that this current grant makes the third one that the town has received from the state for its housing rehabilitation program.

James Chaput, the Director of the Community Development Program, is overseeing the project. Despite a long waiting list of residents who are hoping for such financial assistance, Chaput encourages others to submit applications for funding, as well. Anyone interested should call him at 658-9843.

The projects involving the actual rehabilitation of homes is not likely to begin until March of next year.

Wilmington Police Department

Making the holidays safer

By AMY HELENE

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Police Department has some new equipment that will help ease the community's safety concerns, particularly those that arise during the holiday season. The department has introduced a new mobile precinct and a mobile speed monitor to the community.

The mobile precinct, which is currently parked at Wilmington Plaza, is Wilmington's new outreach office. The precinct, which was purchased through a community policing grant, is a twenty-foot construction trailer that provides local citizens with a place to contact the officers outside of their regular office.

Last holiday season, officers did foot patrol in the Wilmington Plaza and around town, meeting residents and giving them a chance to connect with the department.

This year, Sergeant Michael Begonis wanted to take such community interaction to the next level. The mobile precinct was developed as a way to expand upon foot patrol and give people a place to find officers in the community. Along with the help of Community Policing Coordinator Scott A. Sencabaugh, Begonis' idea became a reality.

"We have many plans for the mobile precinct, including using it as a place to do child identification cards," explained Sencabaugh. "We can bring it to the tennis court for

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Going, going...

Bidding begins for MBTA station

BY STAFF REPORTS

WILMINGTON - All aboard! Starting this week, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will be seeking bids for the Wilmington Station and parking lot that will be built on Main Street near the intersection of Routes 38 and 62.

In fact, the MBTA will be seeking such bids in the time between now and Wednesday, February 28, 2001.

The work, naturally, will consist of the actual construction of the new station, which, when completed, will be called "The MBTA Wilmington Commuter Rail Station." The bid also seeks to consist of the reconstruction of an adjacent stretch of Main Street tallied at approximately 4,500 feet.

The labor will include, but will not be limited to, excavating the grounds; grading; constructing two low-level platforms and two high-level access platforms; building a steel canopy structure; laying down cement concrete walks and ramps; installing steel bollards and hand railings and fencing; and incorporating a host of other commuter rail station accessories.

Also a part of the bid is the installation of a warning system that will alert motorists and pedestrians when a train is approaching the area.

The contract, it should be noted, will be subject to a financial assistance contract to exist between the MBTA and the Federal Transit Administration, which is a branch of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The station, which has been a topic of much steam and controversy in town for quite some time, will serve the commuter line from Boston through Woburn to Wilmington to, ultimately, Lowell.

The announcement for the bid was made this week by Secretary and MBTA Chairman Kevin J. Sullivan and General Manager Robert H. Prince Jr.

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MCAS Analysis

Grade 4 shines, grades 8 and 10 need improvement

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - At its December 13 meeting, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lore Nielsen presented to the School Committee the School Department's preliminary analysis of Wilmington's latest MCAS scores, which were made known on November 17.

"This is a moving target," said Dr. Nielsen of the ongoing process of developing a comprehensive report of the test scores, "but this is where we are on December 13th."

Dr. Neilsen stated that ten MCAS exams were administered this year: tests in mathematics and science and English in grades four, eight and ten, and one test in Social Studies in grade eight only.

Of the ten tests, the average scores of students in the Wilmington School System exceeded the state's average scores in eight of the exams, by a spread of one to six scale points. The results of eighth graders in the math portion of the MCAS exam matched the state's average.

According to Dr. Nielsen, the students of Wilmington performed poorer than the state average in one test only, the eighth grade Science and Technology exam.

The secret weapon behind such results? Wilmington's fourth graders, who performed excellently in all areas.

There are four categories by which MCAS results are ranked: failing; needs improvement; proficient; and advanced.

At the eighth grade level, there were fewer students ranked as "proficient" and "advanced" than there were in the state average. In fact, it was only on the English exam that eighth graders exceeded the average performances of the state's eighth grade population as a whole. On the science exam, eighth graders had a failing rate that was higher than the state's average on that subject.

"The science curriculum is an issue to us," admitted Dr. Neilsen.

The situation was the same at the tenth grade level, where Wilmington sophomores exceeded scores in the state average in only the English exam, as well.

Said Dr. Nielsen, "The fourth graders' results are where we'd like to be on all three levels."

Overall, it was the fourth grade science MCAS exam results that showed the strongest performance levels. Eighty-two percent of Wilmington fourth graders scored in the "proficient" and "advanced" levels on that part of the MCAS.

Across the fourth, eighth and tenth grade levels, though, it was on the English exams that students fared the best. Such results are consistent with those of the state, as well.

Following the English exam, students in Wilmington performed second best in mathematics, with science and eighth grade history and social studies showing test scores on the lower tiers.

It was the subject of science that troubled Dr. Nielsen the most.

"How can kids be so well-performing in science in the fourth grade, and then see that kind of drop in the eighth and tenth grades?" she asked. "I don't have an answer, but it is clearly and area of concern."

Other concerns surrounding the MCAS exam also included the Special Education students, who are held to the same standard as the other students. For example, Dr. Nielsen noted that 72% of students in Special Education failed the tenth grade English exam while only 18% of the non-Special Education students did.

"You can see that gap at every test at every level," said Dr. Nielsen. "Stay tuned. You're going to hear a lot more about Special Education. I'm sure that at some point statewide it is going to become a legal issue."

Dr. Nielsen suggested to the committee a number of ways by which these MCAS scores could be inter

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MCAS results called "embarrassing"

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Atrocious. Unacceptable. Disappointing. Embarrassing.

All strong words, all of them used by School Committee members as they reacted to the analysis of this year's MCAS scores for the Wilmington School System.

At its December 13 meeting, Assistant Superintendent Lore Nielsen provided the committee with insights into the performances of fourth, eighth and tenth graders who took the MCAS exam earlier this year. Such analysis was structured in a way that compared Wilmington's results with the average results seen throughout the state of Massachusetts.

The bottom line: Wilmington's fourth graders excelled on the exam, but the town's eighth and tenth graders have a long way to go in showing signs of improvement.

Committee Chairman Stephen Peterson, who at times was left speechless by the results, offered the most scathing responses.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't tell you that I am extremely disappointed in these results," Chairman Peterson told Dr. Nielsen. "You showed us a summary (of the MCAS scores) that was based on state averages. With all due respect, the state takes into account the inner city schools, which in and of itself makes our grades atrocious."

Peterson reinforced his frustration with a list of unflattering statistics. He mentioned that 70% of eighth graders either failed or ranked as needing improvement on the math exam, whereas at the state level such averages were at 67%. He also mentioned that on the science and technology exam, 74% of Wilmington eighth graders either failed or ranked as needing improvement, as opposed to the state average, which ranked only 64% of students in those categories. As a third example, Peterson stated that 81% of Wilmington tenth graders either failed or ranked as needing improvement on the science and technology exam, whereas the state average had students at 74%.

"Those scores . . ." began Peterson. After a pause, he stated, "I'm exasperated. In the Boston Globe I read about Wilmington's scores compared to others in the community. It was embarrassing."

Peterson, who admitted to his own mixed feelings about the MCAS exam being the de facto requirement for high school graduation, implored Dr. Nielsen to get to the root of the problem.

"We're going to be looking for better results at this time next year," he stated.

School Committee member Barbara Breakey expressed a desire to compare Wilmington's MCAS scores with those from other

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KEEPING WARM, EATING WELL. Anton's Cleaners in Wilmington, get ready. Coming your way are 175 coats to be dry-cleaned and ultimately distributed to citizens in the community who may need a little help staying warm this winter. The Shawsheen Elementary School Student Council, working in conjunction with the Boston Bruins, has held a food and coat drive, in which they collected all of those coats and 22 boxes of food. Above, from left to right, are four students who helped gather all of the good will: Jillian Fudge; Nicole Cherubino; Christina Brown; and Charles Barbaro. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



It *is* a wonderful life

She walked into the office of The Town Crier with her eyes bleary from lack of sleep and her shoulders slumped by the burden of her dire circumstances. She left fifteen minutes later with a lightness in her step, tears in her eyes, and a smile on her face, as though carried by angels.

Actually, she *was* being carried by angels. They were guardian angels, to be sure, and they even live right here in Wilmington.

Those of you who read last week's column titled "A chance to prove it's a wonderful life" have no doubt figured out by now that we are referring here to Jean Robinson. She is the local mother of two daughters who had her pocketbook stolen from her car as she worked the late shift at CVS last week. In her pocketbook, along with her credit cards and identification and a few sentimental trinkets, was one thousand dollars. She had been hoping to use that money to pay for the first month's rent and the security deposit on a new apartment in Nashua that she finally found after two months of homelessness. If she could not come up with the money by the end of the week, then she would have lost the opportunity to move into the apartment.

Thanks to you, readers, she came up with the money and moved into the apartment last weekend. A once-homeless mother and her two daughters now have a home for Christmas.

In the days after the column about Robinson was published, one donation after another came rolling into the office of the Town Crier. It started early on Thursday morning when one gentlemen came in, offered some of his hard-earned money, chose anonymity when asked his name, and left to continue his day. Employees from companies in Wilmington came in with checks and cash collected from generous coworkers. The Kiwanis Club donated money that was approved for such altruism at its meeting earlier that morning. A few children came to the office and offered a few dollar bills, perhaps trading their allowances for a lesson in the human spirit. One young boy, for instance, wrote a letter to Robinson, telling her that his teacher had asked him to do something special for somebody for Christmas.

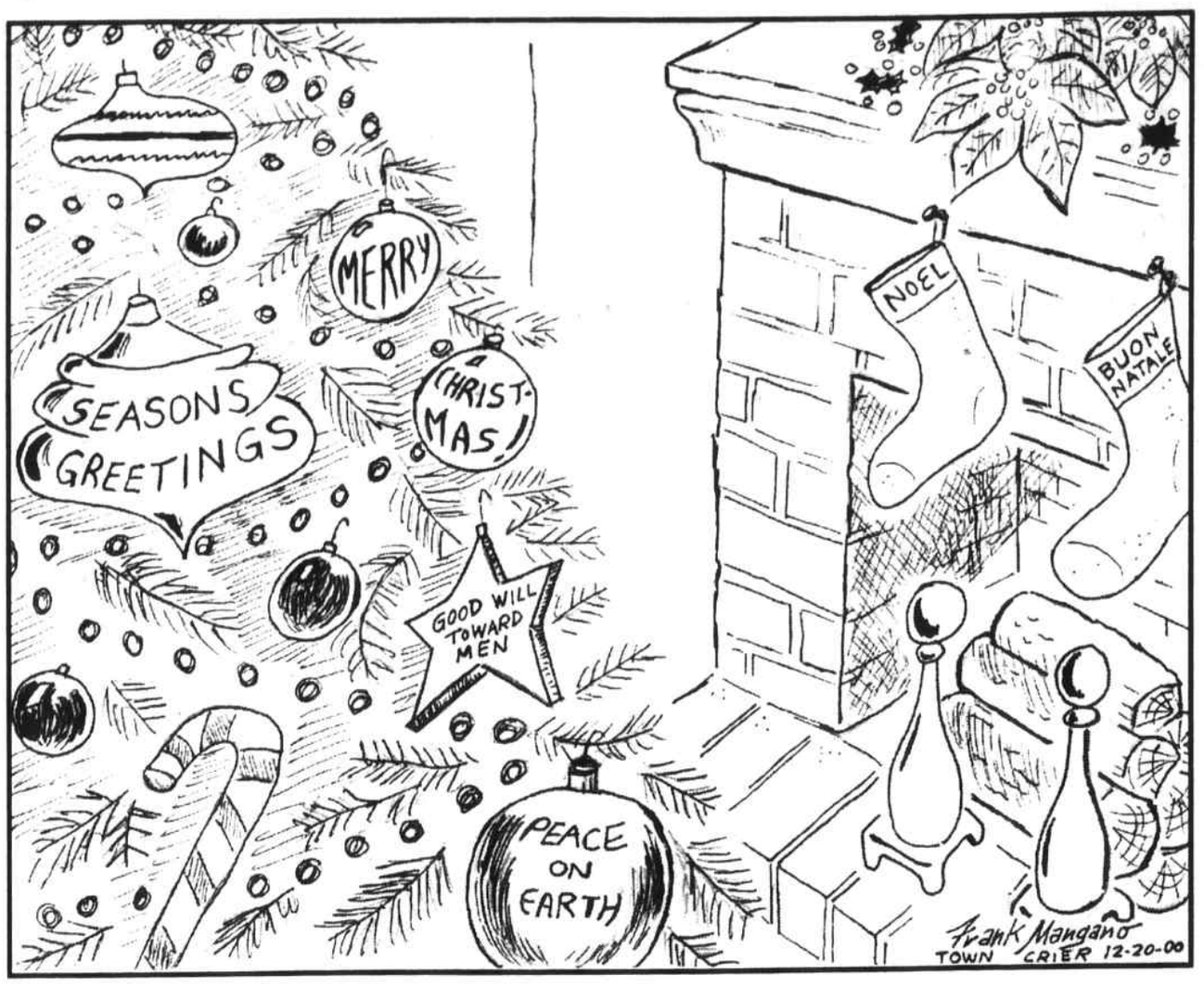
The donations all added up quickly, to the tune of the sum that was lost and then some. When we called Robinson into the office before the week was through, she thought she was coming by to pick up a few complimentary copies of the paper that we had offered her. When, instead, we presented her with an envelope thick with cash, she couldn't believe her eyes. She began to cry.

"Do you know what this means?" Robinson asked her daughters, whom she had brought with her.

Her daughters knew exactly what it meant. It meant that they would get a home for Christmas, which is precisely what they had asked Santa Claus for when they sat on his lap at the Burlington Mall.

We live in an age of cynicism, in which many people regard strangers with caution, greet circumstances with skepticism, and judge quickly who should be helped and who should not. This week, as we stand amidst all of the hustle and bustle and the commercial demands of the holiday season, a lot of good people in Wilmington refused to succumb to such a jaded climate and helped put a roof over a family's heads.

Jean Robinson, who will never know who you are, thanks you. You helped her show her daughters that good things do happen in this world. And in the process, you proved to her that it is, indeed, a wonderful life.



Letters To The Editor



With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore...

The tongue-in-cheek thoughts of g.d. sullivan

'Twas just before Christmas, when all through the nation
The presidential election had caused a sensation;
The ballots were challenged by Al with much care,
In hopes that the numbers soon would be there.

The lawyers were gathered all snug in their beds,
While visions of victory danced in their heads;
And Gore in his suit, and George in his hat,
Had just settled down for a long legal spat.

The chads - how they twinkled! Their dimples how merry!
Some pregnant, some hanging, let's count them! Let's hurry!
Bush's droll little men wanted it slow,
So that time would run out and no one would know.

When from district court there arose such a clatter,
The nation sprang from its bed to see what's the matter.
Away to the telly they flew like a flash,
And there on the networks they saw such a clash.

The chads from the ballots fell like the new-fallen snow
Piling higher and higher on the floor just below;
When what to our wondering eyes should appear,
But a Supreme Court case for the judges to hear.

With little old judges, laid back and so slow,
We knew in a moment it must be "no go!"
More rapid than eagles the protesters came,
They whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now REHNQUIST! Now, O'CONNOR! Now, KENNEDY and SCALIA!
On, THOMAS! On, GINSBURG! On, STEVENS and BREYER!
Gore fought a hard battle, he went to the wall!
His hopes now dashed away! dashed away! dashed away all!"

And then, in a twinkling, we heard on the news,
The Supreme Court's decision met by some boos.
As we caught our breath and were turning around,
Down the chimney Uncle Sam came with a bound.

He was dressed all in red, white and blue, from his head to his foot,
But now his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of votes he had flung on his back,
And he looked a bit weathered, just peering at his pack.

The stump of an election he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke from the battle encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face, but his back it was broken,
For the result of the election was only a token.

But then Gore appeared, a right jolly old elf,
And we smiled when we saw him, in spite of ourselves.
A wink of his eye and using his head,
He soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread.

Then Bush spoke a word and we knew he could cope,
And he filled the nation with much needed hope.
Both men had come together, no longer as foes;
And giving a nod, to the occasion they rose.

Uncle Sam sprang to his feet, to his country gave a whistle,
And upward he flew like the down of a thistle.
We heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"GOD BLESS AMERICA, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"

Beware of Canadian Lottery scam

Dear Editor:

There is a telephone scam that is directed to the elderly that should be brought to our residents' attention. This is a widespread problem. Do not be a victim.

The scam works like this.

You will receive a telephone call from a well spoken person who informs you that you have just won the Canadian Lottery, but you need to pay the taxes on the $300,000 before the money can be released. They will give you a date to pay the taxes by. (For example, one victim was told to send in an amount of $16,000 to a specified name and address.) They will confirm that they have received your check, and they will tell you to expect a check in the amount of $300,000 within the next two weeks.

You will receive nothing.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are investigating. Should you be contacted about similar lottery winnings, please call the Wilmington Police Department at 978-658-5071.

Thank you.

Lieutenant Bob Spencer
Wilmington Police Department

A report from Tewkesbury's waterlogged home front

Dear Town Crier and residents of Tewksbury:

As you in America rejoice that the long journey to find your President is finally over, things here in Tewkesbury, England have taken a turn for the worse.

In an earlier bulletin to you I reported that the entire floodplain of the Severn and the Avon had been subjected to severe flooding. I can now report that Tewkesbury itself is almost surrounded by water as both the major rivers have burst their banks.

The great Abbey Church is now isolated and looking like some giant gothic ocean liner awaiting its fate. The highest tides so far this year are expected within the next 24 hours, for it is the backlash from the Bristol Channel that pushes the flood waters back to Gloucester and Tewkesbury.

Earlier today enterprising swans were sighted swimming up the Gloucester Road towards the Abbey as the Swilgate overflowed the road, filling front gardens and the cellars of houses opposite.

The weathermen predict drier weather for the next few days, but the long term forecast is for rainy periods right through until the spring.

In summary then, Tewkesbury is hanging on, but further heavy rainfall, locally or, indeed, in the Welsh mountains, could see Tewkesbury under several feet of water for the first time in living memory.

The delegation who came to Tewkesbury for the unveiling of Mico Kaufman's Touching Souls sculpture will remember that some of them stayed at the Bell Hotel. Well, the waters are already in its car park. So far, Touching Souls has not been reached by the flood waters.

So, from a windswept and watery Tewkesbury, I send Yuletide Greetings to the good folk of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Wishing you all a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas and a spirit of unity for 2001.

Michael Kean-Price
Tewkesbury's Town Crier and
Tewksbury Town Crier's British
Correspondent

Bazaar was a success thanks to:

Dear Editor:

Thank you once again. Our Christmas Bazaar at St. Dorothy's was a big success! We wish to thank Jake Ericson , chairman of the Bazaar for a job well done. Thanks to all the workers for their hours of hard work and time. We would also wish to thank all those who came to the Bazaar or participated in any way to make it so successful.

A special thank you to the following merchants for their generosity of gifts and gift certificates:

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Farmer & Dee Funeral Home.

Also thank you to the CCD students for their part in selling raffle tickets for Market Basket Gift Certificate. This year April Carlino sold the most thanks. Thanks to Wilmington Community Television & Town Crier for the public announcements.

Carol A. Dwyer,
Secretary

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Thank you all for being such special friends

To the Editor:

To my many friends and the people of Tewksbury: Your friendship and kindness means so much to me. In the rush of everyday pressures, it is so easy to take special friendships for granted.

Maybe because we've known each other so long and have been through so many good and bad times together. We just don't think about how it would be if we weren't there for each other...

So, I just wanted to take a little time at Christmas to tell you all how much I value your friendships - you the people of Tewksbury. Thank you all for being such special friends in my life!

Merry Christmas from
Frances Senneville

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USING HER HEAD. Wilmington youngster Casey Murray, 5, tries on a bicycle safety helmet with the help of Sergeant Michael Begonis. On Wednesday, December 13, Casey visited the new mobile precinct that the police department has parked in the lot of the Wilmington Plaza. If you drive by the precinct and you see a cruiser parked there, feel free to stop by, meet a few of the community's police officers, and learn a thing or two about bicycle and car safety and more. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, December 11

Richard Murphy, 42, of Lowell, was arrested for OUI and unlawfully crossing the yellow lines.

Bruce Barsalou, 36, of Greenfield, NH, was arrested for violating a domestic protective order.

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street and Shawsheen Street

Drug paraphenelia was discovered in a hotel room on Main Street.

Tuesday, December 12

Joseph J. Aurigemma, 44, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street and Ferncroft Road.

Wednesday, December 13

A counterfeit bill was obtained at a Main Street fast food restaurant.

An assault and battery between motorists on Main Street was reported.

A Christmas sign and a Santa Claus figure were stolen from the lawn of a Country Club Drive residence.

A purse was stolen from a cart being used by a customer at a Main Street grocery store.

Thursday, December 14

A pool deck was damaged at a Scotland Drive residence.

Traffic accidents occurred on Livingston Street and North Street.

A snowball was thrown at the front window of a Lakeview Avenue residence.

A case of shoplifting was reported at a Main Street store.

Friday, December 15

Dynell Burr, 25, of Dracut, was arrested on two warrants.

Jose Gonzales, 40, of Lowell, was arrested for shoplifting.

Traffic accidents occurred on Shawsheen Street, Foster Road and Salem Road.

A case of larceny was reported on Woburn Street.

A cell phone was reported stolen at a Main Street restaurant.

The driver's side window of a car was smashed and a pig's heart was left in the front seat at a Main Street restaurant.

A car was broken into on Cardigan Road.

Saturday, December 16

Edward T. Lach, 54, of Lowell, was arrested for shoplifting.

Amaury I. Oviedo, 18, of Lawrence, was arrested for carrying alcohol as a minor and possessing an illegal Class D substance.

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street.

An ex-employee of a Main Street business was issued a trespass order.

A loud party at a Main Street hotel was reported.

Sunday, December 17

A resident on Upton Street received harassing phone calls.

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Wilmington Police Log

Monday, December 11

Harassing phone calls were placed to a Jewel Drive residence.

Obscene phone calls were placed to a residence at Pouliot Place.

Harassing phone calls were placed to a Mackey Road residence.

Wiper blades were stolen from the windshield of a car parked on Jefferson Road.

An attempt was made to steal a vehicle parked at Cornell Place.

Tuesday, December 12

Nine cars were keyed in the parking lot of a Main Street restaurant.

Christmas decorations were damaged at a Woburn Street residence.

Willie Sanford, 47, of Randolph, was arrested for operating a vehicle after suspension.

Wednesday, December 13

Hannah E. Young, 19, of Pawtucket, RI, was arrested for OUI and operating outside the marked lanes.

Traffic accidents occurred on Hopkins Street and Salem Street.

A case of shoplifting was reported at a Main Street drug store.

Andy Nguyen, 32, of Worchester, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, December 14

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street, Route 125, Woburn Street, Linda Road, Salem Street, Fordham Road and Grove Avenue.

Friday, December 15

Obscene phone calls were placed to a Pouliot Place residence.

Traffic accidents occurred on Ballardvale Street, Lowell Street and Burlington Avenue.

A computer and a printer were stolen from a van parked in the lot of a Lowell Street company.

Saturday, December 16

Scott F. Hildebrand, 27, of Wilmington, was arrested for operating a vehicle after suspension.

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street and Shawsheen Avenue.

A threatening telephone call was placed to a Baldwin Road residence.

Cash and credit cards were stolen from a wallet that was lost and then returned to a Glen Road resident.

An orange was thrown at a residence on Lee Street.

Sunday, December 17

Marcelo Moraes, 25, of Lowell, was arrested for operating a vehicle after license revocation.

A traffic accident occurred on Lowell Street.

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Wilmington Library Notes

Kids book club to discuss "Fat Men from Space"

Discovery Museum

WILMINGTON - The library has just renewed its membership pass to the Discovery Museums in Acton just in time for December school vacation. The Discovery Museums include the Children's Discovery Museum, a 100 year old Victorian house transformed into exhibit areas especially designed for preschooler and toddlers, and the Science Discovery Museum, filled with innovative science themes inviting for exploration and experimentation. Thanks to the Shawsheen/West PAC and Northside PAC for providing funding to renew the library pass. To reserve the pass, call the library at 658-2967. The pass admits three people with a charge of $1 per person.

Snowcrafts

Soapy snowmen, snowman pins, snowflakes and other snowcrafts will be presented at the next Kids Club Craft Program for children ages eight and up on Thursday, December 28 at 7 p.m. Drop in for a snowy time.

Fat men from Space

The newly formed Kids Club Book Discussion Group will have their third meeting on Friday, January 5 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss Daniel Pinkwater's Fat Men from Space. Pinkwater is known for his weird and humorous fantasies and this science fiction story of a boy who receives radio messages of an invading "spaceburger" through his new tooth filling will be an entertaining selection. Those wishing to attend may contact the Children's Room at 658-2967 to reserve a copy of the book which is recommended for grades three through six.

Internet classes

The library's one half hour classes for basic internet instruction will resume in January. Classes will be held each Friday at 10 a.m. beginning January 12 for six weeks. In order to participate in these classes, basic computer skills, such a using a mouse, are required. Call the library at 658-2967 to register.

Holiday schedule

Best wishes for a happy holiday from the staff at Wilmington Memorial Library. Please note that the library will be closed Saturday, December 23.

Food for fines

The library collected a record number of baskets of food for the Wilmington Food Pantry. Instead of paying fines for overdue library material during the holiday season, patrons donated a food item. Thanks to all our library patrons who contributed to filling over 50 baskets of food. Special thanks to Custodian Kathy Warford who delivered all the food to the Food Pantry and to Circulation Library Linda Callahan for coordinating the food collection.

Technology for Christmas

If technology is on your holiday wish list, you may want to keep in mind that the library has many titles on the new book shelf to help you purchase or use that new computer, digital camera, audio CD burner or hand-held palm. Check out some of these titles:

How to do Everything with Your Hand-held Palm (004.16 Joh), Consumer Reports Home Computer Buying Guide (381.33), WEB TV for Dummies (004.678), The Little Audio CD Book: An Easy Introduction to Burning Your Own CDs (621.38932) and Multimedia Digital Photography (778.3 May).

New books in the library

Adult fiction

White Desert by Loren D. Estleman

Dune; House Harkonen by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson

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The Devil's Code by John Sandford

A Density of Souls by Christopher Rice

Adult Nonfiction

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Mapping the Deep; the Extraordinary Story of Ocean Science by Robert Kunzig.

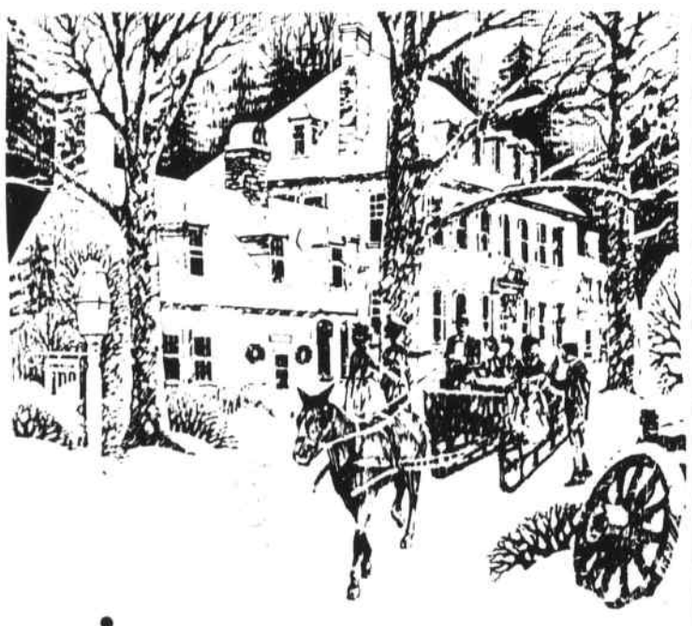
Macular Degeneration by Robert D'Amato.

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Happy Holidays

From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds for you many present delights. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.



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Kara Swasey weds Keith Cataldo

WILMINGTON - Kara J. Swasey, daughter of Ron and Linda Swasey of Frederick Drive, Wilmington, became the bride of Keith A. Cataldo, son of Carlo and Joanne Cataldo of Billerica, Saturday, August 12 at the Congregational Church in Wilmington.

Jen Swasey, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor while the attendants included Dianne (King) Connelly, Jackie Lutz, Angela Tassone and Wendy Wilder.

Bob and Ryan Cataldo, brothers of the groom, served as best men while Michael Cataldo, Michael Mowder and Ryan Swasey were in charge of ushering duties.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Georgetown Club in Georgetown.

The new Mrs. Cataldo is a graduate of UMass/Amherst and is currently employed as a buyer for G. H. Bass & Co. in New York City.

Her husband, a graduate of UMass/Amherst, is now employed as a global equity trader for Tiedemann Investment Group in New York City.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple is now living in New York City.



Tracy Reitchel to wed Sean White

WILMINGTON - Bing and Gail Reitchel of Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter Tracy to Sean P. White, son of Robert and Sharon White, also of Wilmington.

Tracy graduated from Wilmington High School with the Class of 1996 and is scheduled to graduate from Middlesex Community College in 2001 with her associate degree in business administration. Tracy is currently employed as an administrative assistant at Corning Lasertren in Bedford.

Her fiance, a 1996 graduate of Shawsheen Tech, holds a certificate in graphic arts and is currently working at Flagship Press in North Andover.

Tracy and Sean will be married at St. Thomas Church in the spring of 2003.

Births

CURTIN: Edward Collin, to Edward and Sheri Curtin of Tucson, Arizona, September 13 in Tucson.

Grandparents include Edward and Mimi Curtin of Tucson, formerly of Wilmington and Howard and Karen Myers of Webster City, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Christine Conway and Clara "Peg" Weston-Curtin, both of Medford and Don and Frances Picken of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

LEADEN: Thomas Michael, second child, first son to Mr. and Mrs. John Leaden of Wilmington December 1 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Ms. Jane Martin of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Tewksbury and Gerard Leaden of Milton Mills, N.H.

Thomas joins his sister Alexandrea.

RICHARDSON: Twins, Janine Susan and Jason Tully, second and third children, to Jonathan and Karen (Tully) Richardson of Wakefield, November 9, 2000 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Grandparents include Gerald and Judith Tully of Wilmington and Muriel and Michael Bezis of Danvers.

Janine and Jason join their two-year-old brother, Bradley.

TRICKETT: Jaylen Robert to John Trickett and Michele Caggiano of Wilmington, October 31 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Trickett of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Caggiano of Woburn.

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MCAS results called "embarrassing"

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schools in other communities.

"To be honest, I am disappointed in the scores," said Breakey. "The one shining moment is the fourth graders. I would urge everybody to improve this situation because I don't believe it is acceptable."

Dr. Nielsen assured the committee that it was not alone in its disappointment, insisting that in her analysis she was not trying to gloss over the results.

"We have disappointment in these scores, as well," said Dr. Nielsen. "I will say, however, that while we are working to improve our program, every other community is doing the same. There's not a compelling reason to believe that we will leap ahead of everyone else when they're working just as hard as we are."

Dr. Nielsen expressed hopes that MCAS scores will soon improve at the tenth grade level because sophomores will realize that they need to pass the test to graduate high school.

Committee member Suzanne Cushing questioned the wisdom of two recent sessions in which teachers were called from their classrooms to help analyze the MCAS scores. Cushing noted that on December 4 there were 27 teachers who participated in one such meeting. She also added that eighteen teachers were present at a December 11 discussion of the MCAS scores.

Said Cushing, "We're pulling teachers out of classes to analyze MCAS results, and I bet that leaves three-quarters of those classes uncovered. While we're analyzing these results, what are these students doing?"

Dr. Nielsen, clearly feeling the heat, asserted that teachers were needed for MCAS analysis. In fact, she described the no-win position in which she was being placed: On the one hand, there was the School Committee Chairman demanding that next year brings new and better MCAS scores, while on the other hand are other committee members questioning the fact that teachers who are helping with that process are not in their classes for a day or two.

"It was a hard decision," said Dr. Nielsen about the days that teachers were not in class, "but it was one that I think in the long run will benefit us."

Committee member Suzanne Clarkin urged her fellow committee members to take a more proactive role in improving the scores.

"I think the School Committee needs to ask some very hard questions," said Clarkin. "Where are we coming up short? We're stuck on average, and, in the case of MCAS scores, less than average. What do we do to get unstuck from being average?"

Clarkin asked about the latest developments with textbook adoptions, and she mentioned that it has been since May that the committee has met with curriculum team leaders. Furthermore, Clarkin suggested that the key to improving scores next year lies in studying other schools and figuring out how they have been able to succeed.

"We need to do some soul searching," said Clarkin. "I can look at the Andovers and the Lexingtons and the Concords and the Carlisles, and I can tell you why they're doing better, and it's not because their kids are brighter. But then I look at the Woburns and the Billericas and the Tewksburys, and I say, 'Why are they doing better?'"

Wilmington Police

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Family Day in July, to the town beach, and to other places around town to help us all work together."

The three-week-old precinct is in its beginning stages, but already it has been a place to give out free bike helmets to kids and a site for safety seat inspection.

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MCAS Analysis

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preted and understood.

For starters, Dr. Nielsen noted that each performance level has been divided into five intervals. As an example, she stated that on the tenth graders' English exam, 19% of the students who were ranked as "Needs Improvement" were at the top level of that category.

Explained Dr. Nielsen, "That means that if students could have gotten three more raw scores right, then they could have moved up into the 'proficient' category."

Dr. Nielsen suggested that a second way to look at the MCAS data is to measure this year's results to the ones of previous years. In January, the School Department will receive a report card from the state that will "grade" its performance patterns in the three years since MCAS testing began.

If looking at the intervals within the test rankings was one way to gauge the MCAS results, then another way, suggested Dr. Nielsen, was to analyze the categories within each subject. For example, in matters of math, it helps to study the performances of students in such areas as statistics and measurement, as opposed to simply regarding the subject as a whole.

Said Dr. Nielsen, "This gives our teachers very concrete information about what we're doing well and where we could do a lot better."

The MCAS exam is comprised of multiple choice questions, "open response" essays, and math problems. From the analysis of this year's results, Dr. Nielsen has deduced that Wilmington students are better at multiple choice than essays. Such a conclusion does not bode well for test results because the "open response" essays on the MCAS exam are weighted four times as much as the multiple choice questions.

Said Dr. Nielsen, "We need to give students more experience in writing out their answers and justifying their thinking."

The analysis of these MCAS scores developed from two sessions between teachers and administrators on December 4 and 11. The next date that has been set to address issues of curriculum improvement will be in late January. Teachers will be working within their own departments to further analyze the MCAS data.

Her holiday gift?



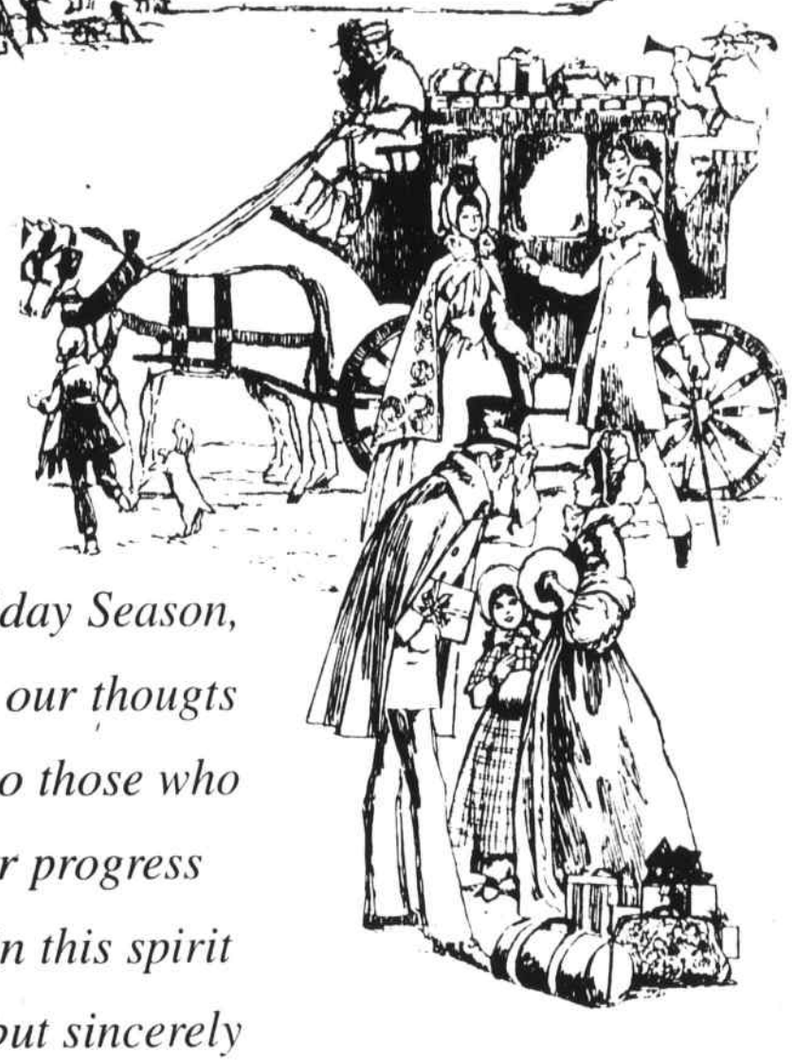
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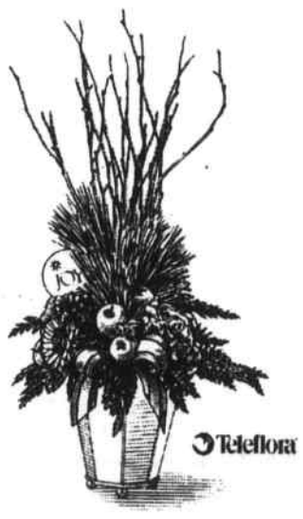


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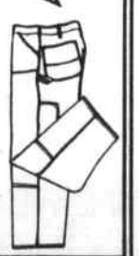
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Obituaries

William H. Benoit

heavily decorated Army veteran

TEWKSBURY - William H. Benoit, 69, died Sunday morning, December 17, 2000 at Lowell General Hospital after a brief illness. He was the former husband of Constance E. "Connie" (Parlee-Rogers) Murphy of Florida.

Born in Tewksbury March 3, 1931, he was a son of the late Arthur and Agnes (Hurley) Benoit. He was raised in Tewksbury and had lived in Chelmsford for 15 years before moving to Lowell 20 years ago.

During the Korean Conflict, he served with the Army and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the U.N. Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was a member of the Walker-Rogers V.F.W. Post in Lowell.

He retired from the maintenance department of Commodore Foods in Lowell and had previously worked at the Littleton House Nursing Home, and Lowell General Hospital.

As a resident of Tewksbury he was a member of St. William's Church.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and his wife Wendy (Gregoire) Benoit of Mims, Fla., Deryl and his wife Joanne (Fortin) Benoit of No. Chelmsford, and Kenneth Rogers of Dracut; five grandchildren, Timothy W. Benoit Jr. and Amanda L. Benoit both of N.H. Deryl S. Benoit Jr. of No. Chelmsford, Christina D. Rogers of Littleton, and Kyle J. Rogers of Dracut; three brothers, John "Jinks" and his wife Gladys (Doliber) Benoit of Chelmsford, Raymond and his wife Joan (Arlen) Benoit of Tewksbury, Thomas and his wife Joan (Smith) Benoit of Tewksbury; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Agnes David of Billerica and Mary and her husband Robert Turcotte of Tewksbury.

He was also the former father-in-law of Darlene (Chanonhouse) Benoit of Allenstown, N.H., Kelly (Priest) Leger of Littleton and brother of the late Arthur J. Howard and Robert Benoit.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in St. William's Church followed by interment with Army Honors at the Veterans Lot at Tewksbury Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

Linda Harriet Didion-Adams (Cole)

family in Wilmington

BILLERICA - Linda Didion-Adams (Cole), a resident of Billerica, died at her residence December 17, 2000 after a long illness. She was 50 years of age.

Born in Lowell, Mrs. Adams was the wife of Richard Adams, mother of Cheryl-Didion Rose and Keith Walter Didion; the grandmother of Hollianne Didion and Nicole Rose; the sister of Nancy Cole and Richard Cole, both of Wilmington and Edward Cole of So. Berwick, ME. She was the step mother of Janis and Skip Colby, Susan and Tom Pike.

She was also the sister of the late Beverly Sullivan and Barbara Cole and step-mother of the late Richard Adams, Jr.

Many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

A funeral service was scheduled at the Wilmington United Methodist Church Thursday morning with the Rev. Herb Taylor officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington.

George H. Sumner, Jr.

lifelong resident of Wilmington

WILMINGTON - George H. Sumner, Jr., 77, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, died at his residence at Deming Way, Wilmington.

Mr. Sumner was the son of the late George and Alice (Gallagher) Sumner; brother of the late Charles D. Sumner, Irene E. Branscomb, William J. Sumner and Alice Hoerning. He is survived by two sons, George H. Sumner, III of New Hampshire and John W. Sumner of PA., and one daughter, Diana M. Mudd of Tenn. Eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Sumner was a World War II veteran and served in Greenland and later worked at Decator Hopkins in Needham until his retirement.

Funeral services were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, December 16 with the Rev. Herb Taylor officiating. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery.

Francis L. Picano

active in Tewksbury youth sports

TEWKSBURY - Francis L. Picano, 66, formerly of Tewksbury, died Sunday afternoon, December 17, 2000 after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Stoneham, January 23, 1934 a son of the late Luigi and Lucia (DelGreco) Picano. He was raised in Stoneham, where he graduated high school. Later, he earned a Bachelors Degree at Suffolk University. He lived in Tewksbury the greater part of his life..

During World War II, he served in the Army in the European Theater. He was a retired salesman.

As a resident of Tewksbury he was active in youth sports activities as a coach for both hockey and baseball.

He is survived by two sons, Paul F. Picano of Tewksbury and Stephen L. Picano of Dracut; one daughter, Pamela L. Picano of Dracut, one sister, Antoinette Gargano of Woburn and one granddaughter, Lindsay Picano

His funeral mass was celebrated Wednesday in St. William's Church followed by burial in Tewksbury Cemetery. Memorials to the Joslin Diabetes Ctr., 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215 will be appreciated. Arrangements were under the direction of the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

Frances Eleanor Prescott

retired assistant manager Lowell Five Cents Savings Bank, Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY - Frances Eleanor (Kelley) (DeRoche) Prescott, 71, died Wednesday evening, December 13, 2000 at home following a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Donald E. Prescott who died March 5, 1988.

She was born January 10, 1929 in the Dorchester section of Boston, a daughter of the late George F. and Eleanor T. (DeSimone) Kelley. Mrs. Prescott was educated in Boston at the Jeremiah E. Burke School for Girls, graduating with the Class of 1947. She lived in Tewksbury for the past 47 years and previously lived in Woburn and Dorchester.

Prior to retirement in 1987, she was employed as assistant manager at the Tewksbury branch of the Lowell Five Cents Savings Bank, where she worked for 17 and a half years. Mrs. Prescott enjoyed many activities, especially crossword puzzles and cooking.

She is survived by two sons, George W. DeRoche and his wife Mary Beth (Karner) and William J. DeRoche and his wife Diane (Rocha) all of Tewksbury; five daughters, Karen D. DeRoche with whom she lived of Tewksbury, Ellen F. Trudell and her husband Gary of Anna Maria, FL., Patricia A. Mooneyhan of Manchester, N.H., Kathleen D. Melvin and her husband Edward of Siesta Key, FL and Kelley A. DeRoche of Bushkill, PA; 16 grandchildren, Kenneth, Mandy, David, Rachael, Meghan, Nicole and William Jackson DeRoche, Christopher, Brian and Robert Tassi, Kara and Joseph Mooneyhan, Melodie and Edward Melvin, Jr., Belinda Wilson and Michel Sterlace; two great-grandchildren, Craig Sterlace and Madison Wilson. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

Mrs. Prescott was the sister of the late Barbara Carlson and Shirley Tarani.

Funeral services were held Monday morning from the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury followed by a funeral mass at St. William's Church and burial in Tewksbury Cemetery.

Donations made in her memory to the Make a Wish Foundation, 295 Devonshire St., 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 or to the Greater Lowell V.N.A. - Hospice, P.O. Box 1965, Lowell, MA 01853 will be appreciated.

Carmella Tempesta, 100

born in Italy, daughter in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY - Carmella (Piccolomini) Tempesta, 100, died Friday, December 8, 2000 at Woodbriar of Wilmington. She was the widow of Gioaccmino Tempesta, who died in 1951. Mrs. Tempesta was born in Terlizzi, Italy April 22, 1900, the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Francesca (Prudente) Piccolomini. She was educated in Italy. In 1958, she emigrated from Italy to Everett and later moved to Dorchester, where she lived for 38 years. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting afghans for her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Maria T. Mirabella of Tewksbury and Concetta Cappelli of Dorchester; five grandchildren, Paul R. and Paula M. Mirabella, Anita C. Potter, Sonia G. Shaw and Paul Cappelli; five great-grandchildren, Hunter Shaw, Alexa Potter, Nicole, Casey Lane and Logan Cappelli; two nieces, Lena Parlatore and Frances Mastrocola both of Everett; also many grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

She was the aunt of the late Vito and Guy Tempesta.

Calling hours were held Tuesday morning at Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury, followed by her funeral mass at noon at St. William's Church and burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Tewksbury.

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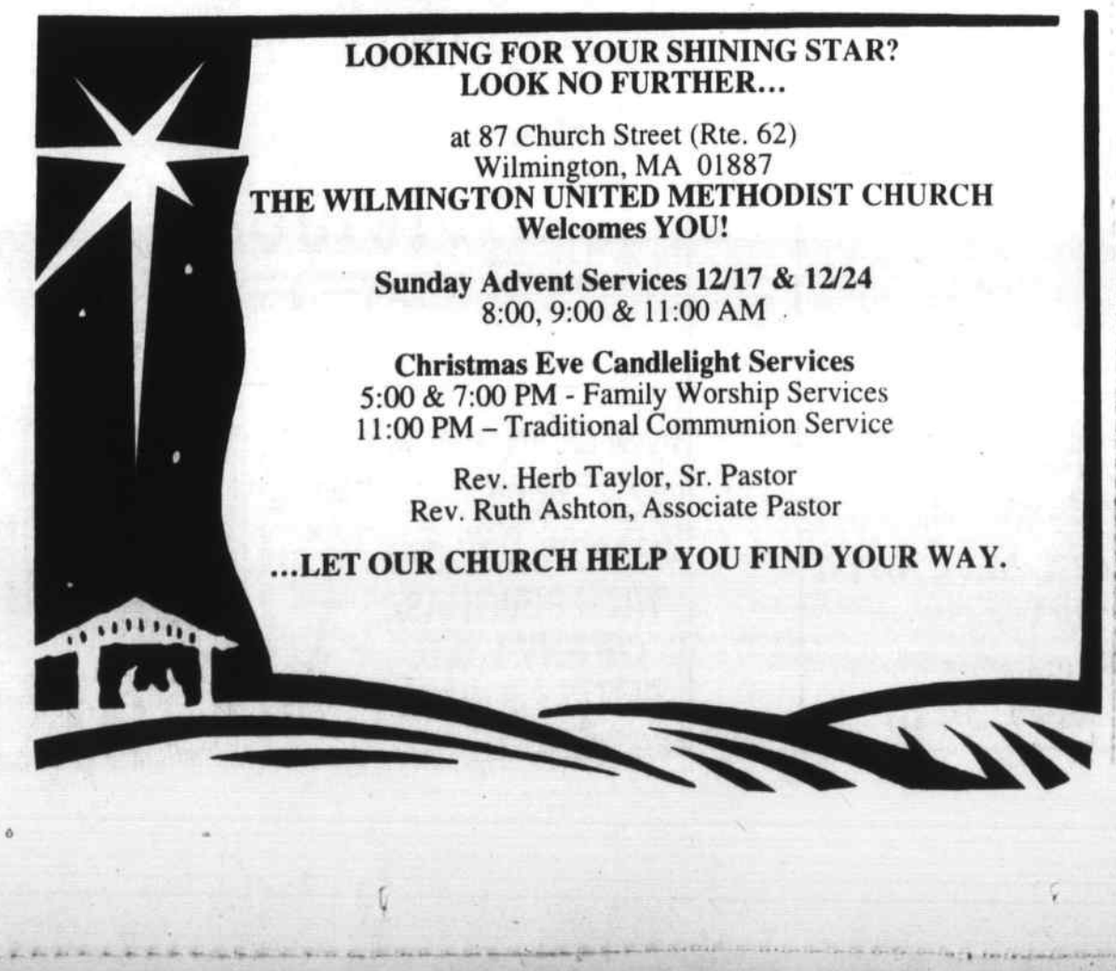


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The Proper Help

We must be careful how we help our children in an academic setting. If help is not presented in the proper manner, it can be counter productive. That extra help that is done with the best of intentions can be perceived as a put down for many of the insecure children. Inappropriate help can be overlooked for years because of the good intent of the teacher or parent. They want to be effective and will do all they can to get results. This sometimes means constant observation and correction. I have found over correcting to be one of the most devastating forms of teaching or parenting. It can erode the dignity and self-esteem of the child. It really says that no matter what I do it's never quite right. Without the proper encouragement to offset the effects of over correction on the child, chances are he will develop a self esteem problem.

Taking a child out of a classroom to receive extra help can also be a demeaning experience for the child. Many times the classroom lesson the child is being taken out of is a greater loss than the help he is to receive. What has he missed by being taken out? Will some of this missed information be presented in a test or a group discussion? The extra help may not have the same importance. However, in many cases that extra help is needed but how and when can be a dilemma. It truly takes a juggling act to take out a child from the classroom at the proper time without causing a possible stigma. The importance of helping too often overshadows the feelings of the child. Children by nature are very proud; and can perceive extra help as meaning they are inadequate. If this happens, it can cause a loss of self-esteem affecting motivation, leading to a lack of involvement, and a decline in grades.

However, many children need and must have extra help. There is no perfect or easy solution. Every form of help must be scrutinized before its use to avoid any possible lessening of the child's self-esteem. If possible, any correction or extra help should not be given in the presence of other children. The most effective teaching style for the child who is not making it is to prepare him in advance for a particular lesson or group discussion. Going over a particular lesson as many times as possible to make sure he knows the material is crucial. You then expose the child to the class. The stumbling and unsureness is no longer there to embarrass or demean. He knows what he's saying and is proud to contribute. Most important, he gains the respect of his peers.

Children automatically shut down when they feel they are going to fail. This causes anger, withdrawal, non-conformity, and a lack of the focus necessary to succeed. Some children need that head start involved in viewing and participating in the academic task. I've worked with a number of children who were victims of this form of dilemma. They would never participate unless they were sure of success. This procedure can be used with a special need student. To insure success, the homeroom teacher should keep the resource teacher informed of what the upcoming lessons will be. There are also children who are not quite eligible for special help who have the same need. This head start help can be a temporary procedure, giving the necessary boost of confidence that could be eventually sustained without help.

This reminds me of a past client who never got involved in a classroom setting. Afraid to be called upon, he would avoid catching the eyes of the teacher. Instead he would gaze out of the window, as if in a trance. While counseling this child I could see a greater intelligence than was being shown in class. This especially came through when he spoke of subjects he knew. Like most individuals, we do our best when we feel confident and sure of ourselves. Knowing the subject matter and what we are talking about gives us all confidence. In the past the child had tried, but felt stupid, because his presentation was never quite acceptable. He had no intention of being humiliated again until he was sure of a positive outcome. The head start procedure gave back his dignity and belief in himself. He is now excelling in class that had imprisoned his mind. This child had stopped academic functioning for one year. Unless this manipulation had been implemented, this lack of interest might have been confirmed.

The fear of failure should always be taken into account before seeking other more complicated and time-consuming solutions.

Mr. Ferrara's book, "Beyond Parenting" (When Love Gets in the Way) can be obtained through Post Office Box 79, Wilmington, MA 01887, $14.95 plus tax; 75 cents. Direct questions to 978-658-8132.

Ready to quit smoking? Community Health Institute can help

WOBURN - If you are ready to quit smoking, we are here to help! The Community Health Institute at Winchester Hospital is scheduling cessation classes for 2001. A six week series will begin January 2 at Baldwin Park I in Woburn. Classes will run from 7 to 8:15 p.m. There is a $40 charge for the series, which includes three weeks of Nicotine Replacement Therapy. Quit rates improve with support and nicotine replacement.

For those who plan to quit on their own, but would like support through the process, there is a group that meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Baldwin Park I in Woburn. A tobacco treatment specialist is there to help you remain smoke free. There is no charge for attending this group.

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WILMINGTON - David DiGuardia of Wilmington has been named to the honors list (grades all B-minus or above) at Matignon High School in Cambridge.

David Quinton re-enlists

WILMINGTON - Navy Chief Petty Officer David A. Quinton, II, whose wife, Susan is the daughter of Patricia R. McKenna of Allen Park Drive, Wilmington, recently reenlisted for five years while serving at Trident Training Facility, Silverdale, Wash.

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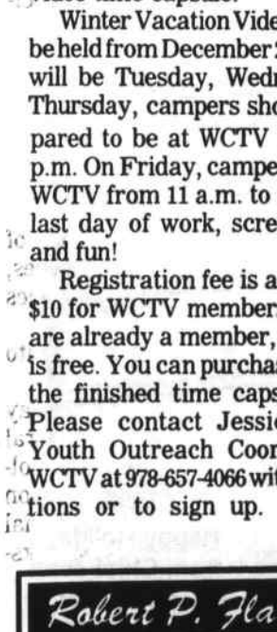
WILMINGTON - WCTV has announced the return of the popular Vacation Video Camp. Held during each school vacation, the latest camp will focus on video documentation. Campers will use studio and portable equipment to document what has come and gone in the past century (or what they have seen of it) in their own lives to create a video time capsule.

Winter Vacation Video Camp will be held from December 26-29. Times will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, campers should be prepared to be at WCTV from 1 to 3 p.m. On Friday, campers will be at WCTV from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a last day of work, screening, food and fun!

Registration fee is a flat rate of $10 for WCTV membership. If you are already a member, the session is free. You can purchase a copy of the finished time capsule for $2. Please contact Jessica Wilson, Youth Outreach Coordinator at WCTV at 978-657-4066 with any questions or to sign up.

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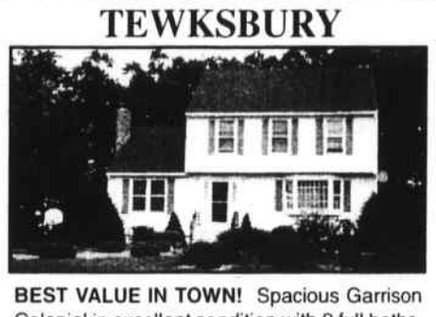
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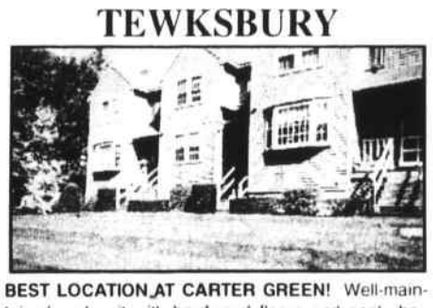
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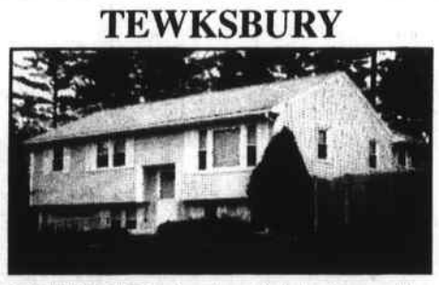
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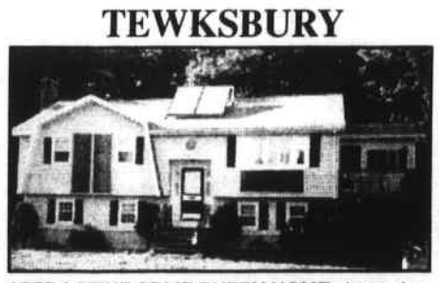
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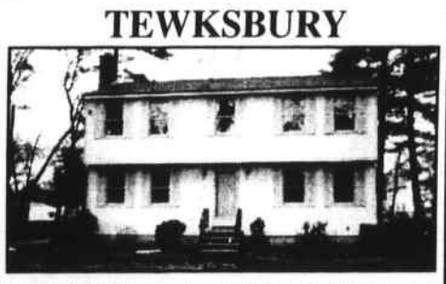
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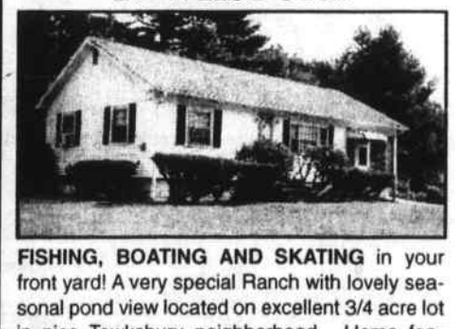
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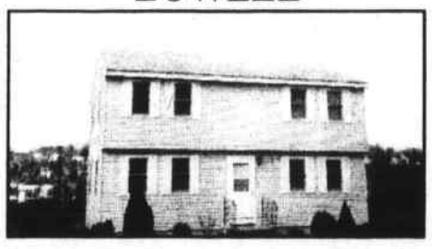
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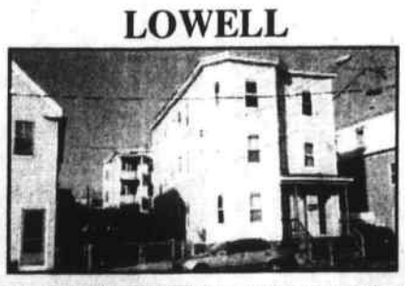
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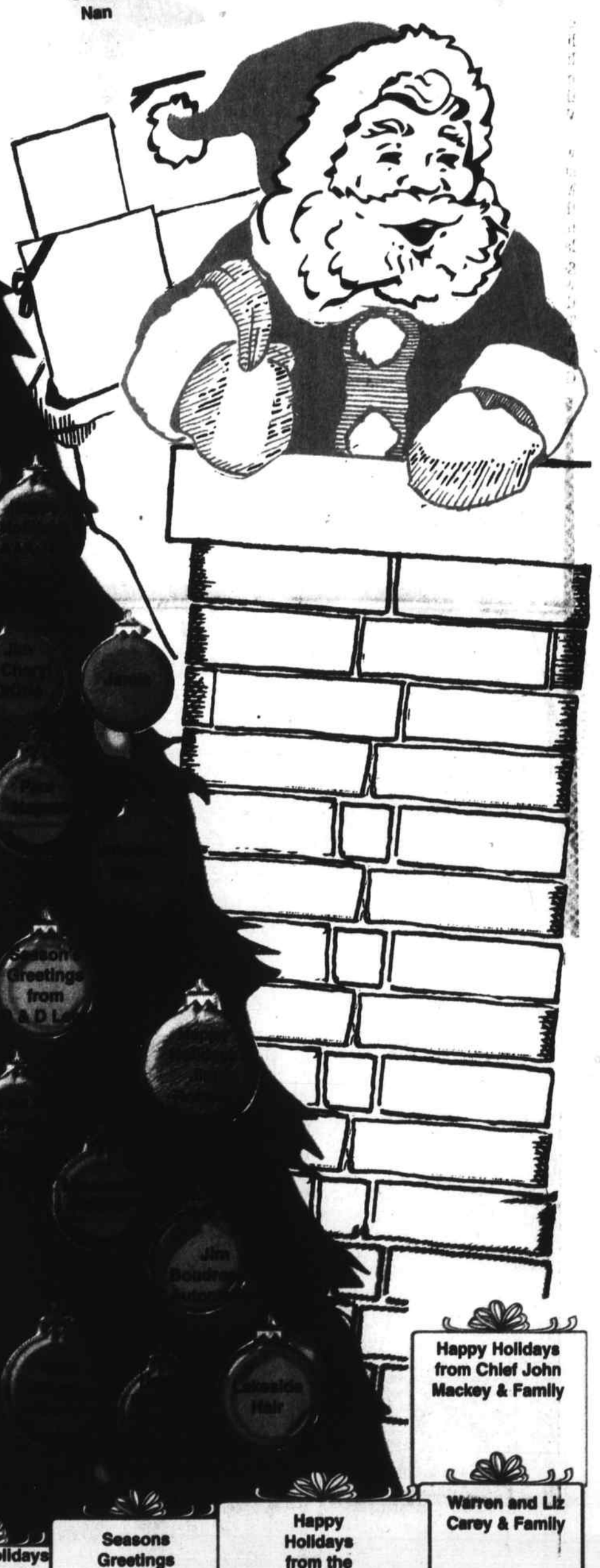
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Wilmington

SPORTS

Transfer student wins appeal with MIAA

Valence gets the OK

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for Valence Nwachukwu to make an impact on the Wilmington High boys' basketball team. But it did take him longer to officially get on the team. Not because he wasn't good enough, because he is.

On Tuesday afternoon, just about two hours before the team's third game of the season, Nwachukwu was granted a waiver in his appeal case from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association a week after the same organization denied him the right to play high school basketball.

Nwachukwu moved to Massachusetts from Nebraska, Omaha to live with his father, Alex. They first lived in Woburn for the first few months of this school season before they found a home to live in here in Wilmington.

Originally the MIAA granted a waiver to Valence (every transfer student must get a waiver from the MIAA in order to play, no matter the sport), but took it back hours before the team's opening game last Tuesday night. The MIAA never gave any reasons for taking the waiver back. Wilmington appealed the decision, and it was heard on Tuesday afternoon. Valence and his family, along with coach Jim McCune, Athletic Director Jim Gillis, and Principal Eddie Woods all made presentations on behalf of the student-athlete.

The MIAA board asked questions to Valence and his family and then the panel deliberated amongst themselves and came back to the room granting Nwachukwu the waiver he needed to play. The 6-2 junior point guard played on Tuesday night, scored 19 points including five 3-pointers to help the Wildcats win 74-55 over Lynnfield.

"Oh what a relief," said Valence, with a big laugh. "I'm glad it's over ... boy I am happy it's over. The team, the school, the coach, my family, this town - everyone's been behind me and I can't thank them enough. Now I just want to play my game and have some fun."

Coach Jim McCune also is relieved.

"We're happy with the decision," he said. "We're thrilled to have him part of our team. I think he adds a lot to our team, and he gives us a lot of versatility as well."

Nwachukwu said he has never gone through such emotions than he has in this past week in his entire life.

"It was the hardest week of my life," he said. "Besides an injury, it was the first time in my life when someone told me I couldn't play basketball. That was very tough. But my family, my friends, the team and my coaches all helped me through it."

Nwachukwu is a talented basketball player. He showed that in his first game as a Wildcat. But he's also very rusty and he'll be the first to tell you that. On the first day of practice he suffered an ankle sprain and was out the next eight days. He then practiced for a few days before last week's MIAA decision.

"He's only practiced about eight days with us," said coach Jim McCune. "He didn't have command of the ball tonight because he hasn't practiced with us all that much and his conditioning is not there yet."

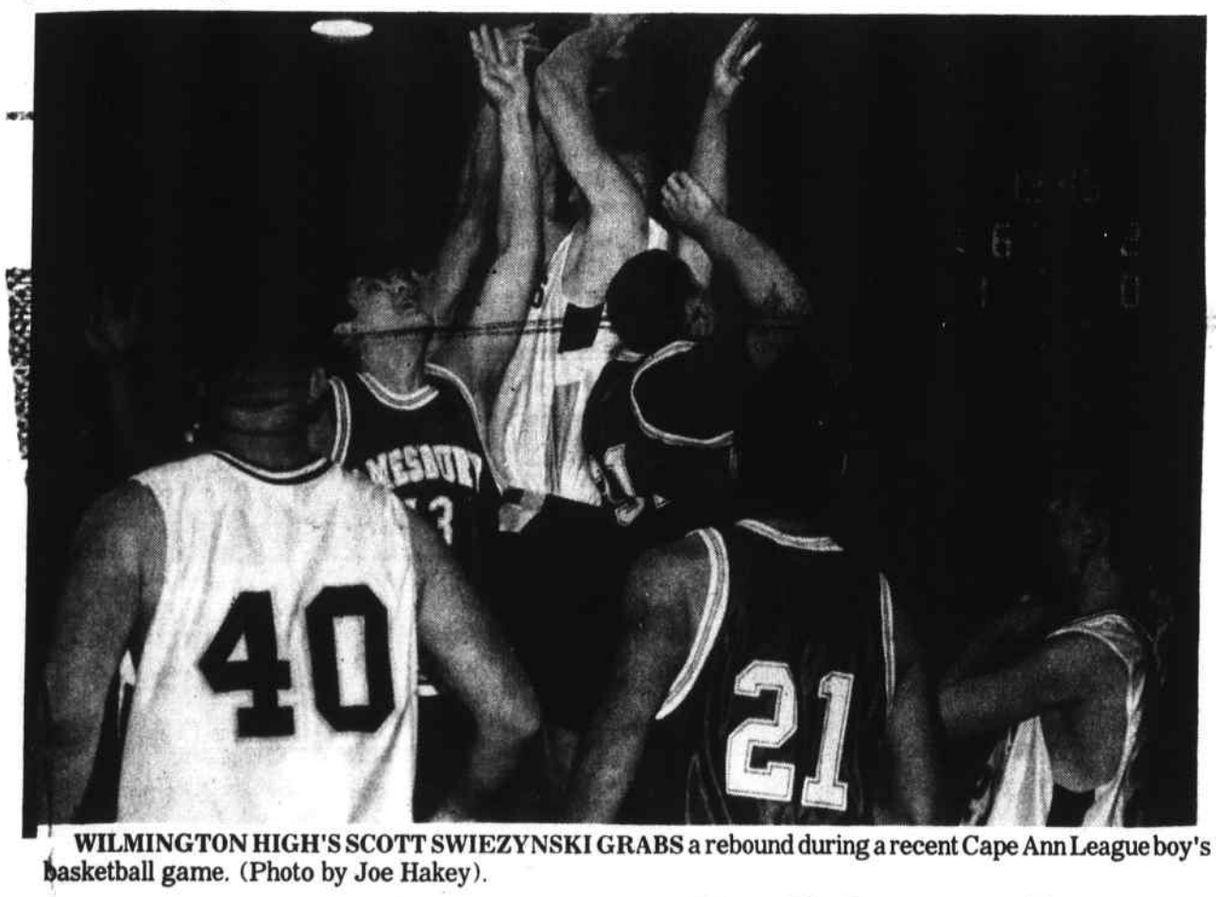
As for the player, he just grins, chuckles and says there's a lot more to come.

"I'm not even close [to where I want to be]," he said. "Maybe, maybe I'm at 30 percent. I haven't got the swing into it yet. But once we all get the swing of things a loss for us will be rare - very rare. I'm serious too. With Swiza shooting, Howie on the boards, Timmy all over the place and Pat scoring ... everyone, once we get everyone rolling we're going to be very tough to beat."

For the record, Swiza is Scott Swiezynski, Howie is Josh Howlett, Timmy is Tim Riley, Pat is Pat Taylor, and everyone is the entire team. And for the record, this kid brings a lot more than his basketball skills to this team.



THE WILMINGTON HIGH WRESTLING TEAM took a fifth place in the 15th annual Sons of Italy tournament held on Saturday at WHS. Pictured here are the place winners. Back row from left: John McMahan, Sang Ngo, Pete Reitchel and Joe Cotto. Front row from left is Derek Hanley, Chris Minghella, Marc Sollazzo (first place) and Roman Walsh. (Courtesy Photo).



WILMINGTON HIGH'S SCOTT SWIEZYNSKI GRABS a rebound during a recent Cape Ann League boy's basketball game. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

'Cats KO Lynnfield early

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For the second straight Tuesday, the Wilmington High boys basketball team (2-1) took the lead against their opponents from the get-go and never looked back. On Tuesday night, the 'Cats handed Lynnfield a 74-55 defeat the Larry Cushing Sr. gymnasium. It was only a week before that when the 'Cats put up 73 points in a 22-point win over Amesbury.

This team can put up serious points, as it did Tuesday night behind Scott Swiezynski's 26-point performance, and transfer student Valence Nwachukwu's 19-point game in his first game as a Wildcat as he received the waiver he needed from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association just hours before game time.

Inbetween the two lopsided victories was a lopsided loss to Newburyport, 64-48 on Friday night. So obviously, there's a lot more work to do.

"Offensively we played great tonight," said coach Jim McCune. "Defensively we have some work to do. We have to be as intense on defense than we are on offense. We didn't play with as much enthusiasm on defense tonight than we did on offense."

Wilmington started the game off with an 7-0 lead. Lynnfield didn't hit a field goal until five minutes into the game because the 'Cats defense stormed them whenever they touched the ball, especially inside.

Lynnfield did cut the lead down to five at 21-16 with 5:42 to go, but the 'Cats broke the game wide open with six straight points forcing Lynnfield to call a timeout. Wilmington again took it to them as Nwachukwu hit three treys within the last four minutes of the half, and that combined with some tremendous passing from Tim Riley to Mike Herra on a weak side lay-up put Wilmington in cruise control for the rest of the game.

"Right now we know what we have," said McCune. "All the concerns are gone and we can concentrate on basketball. I can't complain about this game because we scored 74 points, but we do have to work on our defense."

Wilmington continued to get terrific performances off the bench. Dave Aronofsky played extremely well, by far his best game in a Blue and White uniform. Senior Steve Brown, who still isn't 100 percent from the injuries to his leg, played very well, as did Mike Herra and Michael Jordan.

Besides the 45 combined points from Swiezynski and Nwachukwu, Pat Taylor finished with 9, followed by Tim Riley and Josh Howlett with 6 each. Swiezynski led the team in rebounding with 7 followed by Howlett with 6.

Wilmington will travel to North Reading on Friday night and will tip-off at 7:30, as the girl's varsity will play at 6:00 pm.

After that they will host their annual Knights of Columbus tournament on Wednesday and Friday of next week. On Wednesday the 'Cats will face Whittier Tech at 7:30, as Tewksbury and Burlington will play at 6:00 pm. The two losers of those games will play Friday at 6:00 pm, followed by the two winners. Tewksbury defeated Wilmington in the finals last year.

Wilmington 74, Lynnfield 55

WILMINGTON – Swiezynski 11-3-26; Nwachukwu 7-0-19; Taylor 3-3-9; Riley 2-2-6; Howlett 3-0-6; Osgood 0-0-0; Herra 1-0-2; Jordan 1-0-3; Aronofsky 1-0-3; Brown 0-0-0. Totals: 29-8-74.

3-PT FGs – Nwachukwu 5, Swiezynski, Jordan, Aronofsky.

REBOUNDS – Swiezynski 7, Howlett 6, Taylor 4, Riley 4, Nwachukwu 3, Brown 2, Osgood, Herra.

Halftime – Wilmington 43-27.

Early Deadline for next week's issue

With the Christmas Holiday on Monday, the Sports Department is asking for all submitted articles to be dropped off or faxed to us (658-2266) by Friday at 5 pm. Reports sent through e-mail can be sent in by Sunday at noontime. Any articles that are submitted thereafter will not appear in next week's paper and will appear in the following edition. Thank you for your cooperation. [Sp. Ed].

Senior wrestler crowned champ of tournament

Sollazzo off to an impressive start

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year Marc Sollazzo had aspirations to join teammate Pat Heffernan as a state champion for the Wilmington High wrestling team. That didn't happen. Sollazzo, a junior at the time, said he got caught in a fluke move and got pinned in the early stages of the meet, but was able to come back and finish third in the Division 3 state meet.

Now once again this season Sollazzo has those same aspirations and then some. He would like to become a state champion and he would also like to become an all-state champion which would be Wilmington's first in school history. If this week was any indication of what's to come, Sollazzo could very well be on his way to achieving those goals.

On Saturday, Sollazzo had four matches during the 15th annual Sons of Italy Wrestling tournament held at WHS. In his first match he pinned his opponent in 38 seconds. The second match he pinned his opponent in 76 seconds. The third? 3:45. The fourth and final match? 1:38.

Not a bad day's work at all.

"Once I get out there, I don't stop," said the 152-pound champion of the tournament, who is now 5-0 on the season. "I like to win. If I lose I take it very seriously, and that makes me work even harder."

Sollazzo realized last year that he did have some more work to do after losing in the state semi-finals. His off-season work was once again brutal going to camps, and basically working his tail off every minute he got so he would be ready to go come the Monday after Thanksgiving when tryouts begun. He also witnessed what Heffernan did last year - he saw all the pandemonium when Heffernan won with two seconds left in the match and he also saw all of the chaos when he pinned his opponent just 98 seconds into the final match on Saturday.

"It's something I will remember for the rest of my life," he said. "All of my friends were up in the stands and everyone who walked by me kept pumping me up. And when I won, everyone went nuts, they all stormed me. It was great."

Sollazzo has been a part of the program since he was a skinny freshman scared to get "tooled on". Since then he has bulked up, he has won his share of matches, he has gained a lot of experience and he also taken on the role of leader.

"I feel that I'm expected to go out and win," he said. "To set an example for the team. Everyone on the team is working so hard, we're all like dogs. I can't slack off in practice, because if I did then I wouldn't be expected to win and people wouldn't take me seriously. It's not pressure to win, I don't feel that. But when you work this hard, you expect it."

And it's in the practice room where Sollazzo can work on his moves. He says he doesn't have a set move, like Heffernan did last year with his head lock and scissors.

"I want them to slip up," said Sollazzo. "No matter the move - a half, a headlock, double grips, I wait to see how they get out of a situation and once they slip up and I go get them. When I'm on top I'll go for the back points, but if they put their arm out too far then I'll put them on their back. When I'm on my feet, I'm very aggressive - I don't wait for them. I try to take them down right away and so far that strategy has worked."

Now as a senior who has enjoyed a superb first week of the season, Sollazzo has been through a lot over his last few years. During that time, of all of coach Mike Pimental's intense practices, and the minutes he spent on his own time whether working out or going to camps across the country, Sollazzo has realized that there's a purpose for all of this madness.

"It's definitely worth it all. Coach always said it would be when I was a freshman and a sophomore. I didn't think then that it would pay off, but all of a sudden last year it hit me and he was right," said Sollazzo.

And Sollazzo hopes that in a few months, his aspirations and his hard work will pay off when the state and all-state meets arrive.

Third try a charm for Girl's Hockey

By Paul Hayes
Sports Correspondent

Joe McMahon had to speak loudly into his cell phone in order to be heard. There was static, but that was not the problem. In the background the members of the Wilmington girls hockey team were celebrating last night's 5-2 victory over Arlington High School.

"Can you hear them?" asked McMahon. "They're so happy."

In the third game of their inaugural season, the girls hockey team recorded their first ever regular season win. The two teams faced off at the Buckingham, Brown and Nichols school rink in Cambridge.

Arlington took an early 1-0 lead, after scoring a goal at 7:41 in the first period. But the team wouldn't score another goal until the third period.

Wilmington, meanwhile, battled back after being held scoreless in the first period, and netted three goals in the second period. The first was scored just over five minutes into the period by Rachel See on a feed from Crystal Duarte. That goal knotted the game at 1-1. With 4:43 remaining in the second period, Jackie Rideout scored the go-ahead goal.

Rideout would go on to score two more goals, one near the end of the second period and another with 32 seconds remaining in the game, to post a hat trick. Meghan Grenier made the assist on the second goal, and Rachel See and her sister and goalie Heather See each recorded an assist on the third goal.

Jen Rodgers scored five minutes into the third period to put Wilmington ahead 4-1.

Arlington scored with 2:40 remaining in the game to cut the lead to two goals, before Rideout scored her final goal to give Wilmington the 5-2 victory.

It was the team's highest scoring total of the season. But McMahon said the defense deserved a lot of credit for the win, particularly the play of defensive stoppers Sarah Belefontaine and Katie Martell.

"We stopped the other team from crossing the blue line," said McMahon, adding that the team has improved dramatically since the start of the season. "Even the parents are noticing how much the girls are improving."

The girls hockey team entered last nights game with an 0-2 record, following consecutive losses to pow-

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Correction

In last week's edition, there was a picture on the front page of the new Wilmington High girl's hockey team. Assistant coach Sharon Dunnett's name was inadvertently left off the caption. We apologize for the error. [Sp. Ed].

Stars of the Week

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Since the winter season has just began, that means the Stars of the Week column is back. We will continue doing the Star of the Month cartoons, but as you notice we only do them when there is a complete month of play, so December won't get any.

So here are this week's Stars:

Wilmington:

I think several stars have to go out to **Jim McCune, Jim Gillis and Eddie Woods**. All three of them went above and beyond the call of duty to help the new transfer student **Valence Nwachukwu**, not only get acclimated to WHS, but for helping them get the waiver the Massachusetts Interscholastic Association was seeking. For all three of them to go to Franklin on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 is not easy. McCune had to prepare for his game in just a few hours, while, Gillis and Woods had their everyday duties as an athletic director and principal of WHS - so obviously making a road trip to Franklin on behalf of a student-athlete should certainly be recognized.

The Entire Girls Hockey team: This is given for a lot of reasons. First of all, for the girls staying true to their word back in the Spring when Gillis and **Joe McMahan**, and others, held a meeting to see how much interest there would be to start a girl's hockey team. They showed the interest then and they obviously continue to show it now.

Secondly they should be commended for their commitment. Their practices are in the early morning before school and that's not an easy thing to do with school work, a job and social life to juggle in as well.

Finally for winning their first game - Tuesday's win over Arlington will go down in history as the first program win. Congratulations to the team and its coaching staff.

Dan Liberty, WHS Hockey: Need I say more - three goals and two assists in the team's 5-4 win over Triton Regional on Saturday. Oh yeah, he nailed home the game winner in the third period, unleashing a 4-4 tie.

Marc Sollazzo: The senior tri-captain of the wrestling team pinned all four of his opponents on Saturday to win the 152-pound weight class in the 15th annual Sons of Italy Wrestling Tournament held at WHS.

Dave Aronofsky and Steve Brown, WHS Boys Basketball: If you look at their stats, you'll say that "the Christmas Punch Pote is drinking must be spiked", but then again stats are overrated.

Both of these guys came off the bench and supplied not only valuable minutes on Tuesday, but certainly valuable play to help the team win. Aronofsky played very well in the guard position, while, Brown played strong defense and was strong on the boards - and this is from a kid who was written off my many doctors of never playing sports again.

Tewksbury:

Kevin Leonard, Billy Fabiano, TMHS Hockey: Both of these have never made it to this column and after this week's performances they'll probably land here often. Leonard had a remarkable week with two goals in the team's 7-1 opening win over Andover, and then he followed that up with three assists in the Redmen's 5-1 win over Acton-Boxboro on Saturday night.

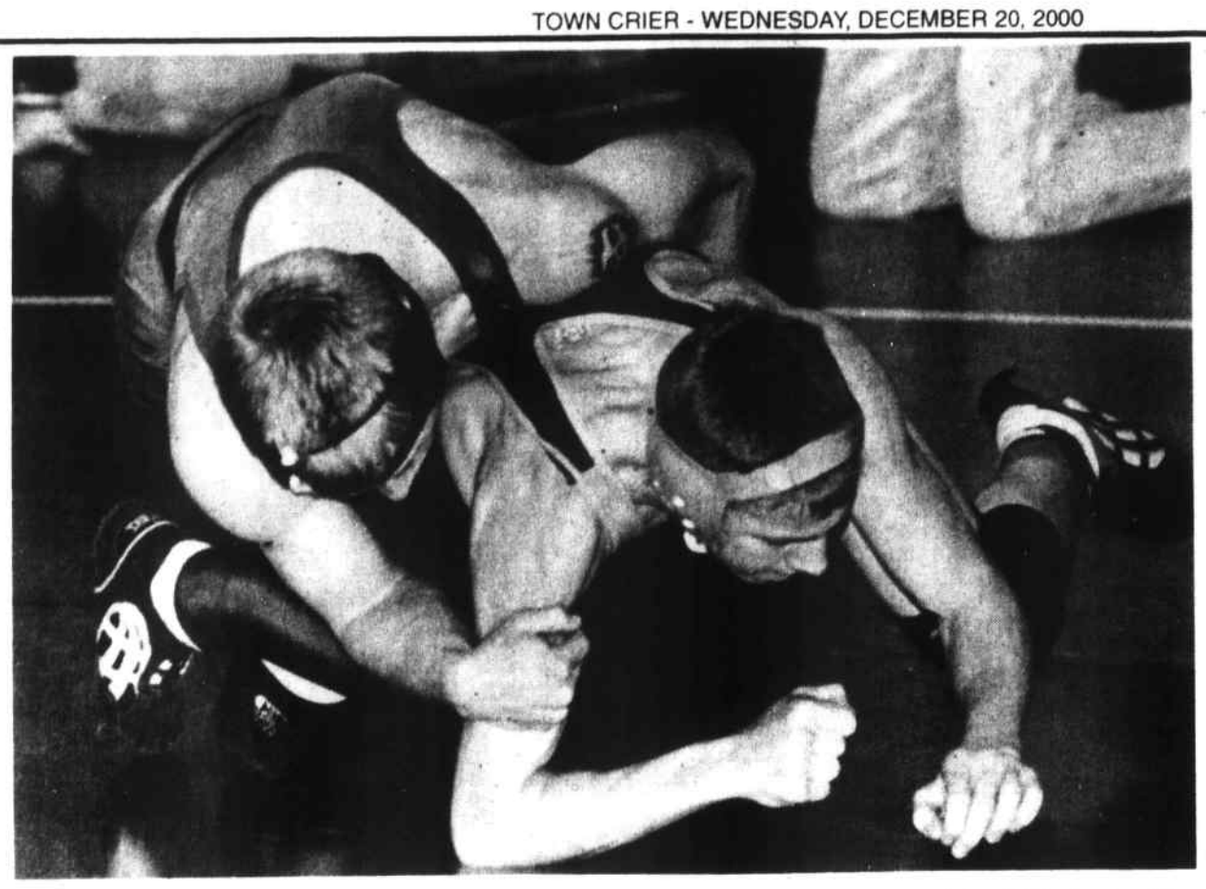
As for Fabiano, he recorded his first two wins as a varsity goaltender. In both wins, the freshman made 15 saves - perhaps the nervousness is out of his system now.

Crystal Ornelas and Courtney O'Brien, TMHS Girls Hoop: Ornelas is another person who if you look at her stats you'll get dizzy - because her stats don't stick out. Her hustle does. She is non-stop all over the court. She's not the 6-0 center - she's the smaller girl who makes things happen. On Tuesday she had 6 steals in the team's loss to Andover - last Thursday in the team's home opener it was her who provided the spark to get the engine going and put Triton in the dust.

As for O'Brien, she's a talented freshman who is serving as the team's back-up point guard. Yeah she missed a few lay-ups last Thursday, but she's going to be a player. Her quickness alone is very impressive, but her alertness of where to be when she doesn't have the ball is by far her strongest part of her game. As she gets going and gets used to the varsity style, she'll be burying jump shots and three-pointers before you know it. This is a learning season for her, but if she continues her strong work ethic, good shots, and heads up passing, she'll be one to watch.

Monica Frank and Ashley Bibo, TMHS Girls Track: Although I'll never be able to tell Monica and her sister Ellen apart when I write captions for photographs to go in this paper, I can tell them apart during the sport seasons ... I think. But last Thursday it was easy to pick out Monica in the 1,000 meter run. She and Bibo gave Tewksbury first and second, respectively finishing strong at 3:05.5 and 3:08.0. And Frank is a junior, and Bibo is a freshman.

Paul Mucica, TMHS Boys Track: His third place, and controversial, finish in last week's opening meet gave Tewksbury the win over Andover, 43-42. Apparently, the official at the meet told the Andover runner he had one lap to go when both he and Mucica had two. The Andover kid put on the jets and passed Mucica for what he thought was third place. Mucica didn't fall for anything, kept up his strong pace and finished third giving the team a huge-point which did prove to be the difference of a win or a loss.



CHECK OUT THE SHAWSHEEN WRESTLING PROGRAM and Jeremy Verrachio of Wilmington this Saturday when they travel to Lowell to take part in the Lowell Quad Meet beginning at 10:00 am. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Andover too strong for Redmen boys hoop team

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Tewksbury High boys' basketball team fell to 0-2 on the season as Andover defeated them 79-55 at AHS on Tuesday night.

Tewksbury played a strong first half, but Andover really dominated the second 16 minute frame.

"Their transfer player really had an impact on the game. I haven't looked at the stats but I'd say he had 20 points and 15 block shots," said coach Jim Sullivan. "And that's frustrating because their transfer player is able to play, and ours just gets to watch him."

Tewksbury's transfer student Paulo Caldoncelli, a 6-8, 250-pound junior center from Brazil, couldn't play again on Tuesday as he awaited his civil right court case from Judge Jane Haggerty at the Lowell Superior Court. Haggerty heard Caldoncelli's case from him and his layer, Kevin Gafney, against the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, and said she would make her decision within a 24-hour period. The announcement wasn't made on Tuesday.

As for the game, Andover is a very good team. In fact they are very good right now and are playing without probably the best player in the state, Tom McLaughlin, who is likely out for the year with a leg injury.

"Ugh," said Sullivan on the thought of playing Andover on Tuesday with McLaughlin in the line-up. "They would be pretty good with him ... they would be a pretty good team."

Tewksbury was led by the performances of Danny Elliman (17 points) and sophomore Mike Rocco, who had 13 points, 11 rebounds.

Tewksbury will travel to Bedford on Friday night for a non-league contest as they look to crack the win column.

WHERE'S THE ACTION!

Town	Sport	Opponent	Time
Thursday, December 21			
Tewksbury	B/G Track	vs Dracut @Lowell	4:00 PM
Shawsheen	Swimming	at Minuteman	4:00 PM
Shawsheen	V G Hoop	vs Chelsea	4:45 PM
Shawsheen	V B Hoop	at Chelsea	5:00 PM
Wilmington	G Hockey	at Belmont	5:45 PM
Wilmington	JV Hockey	at Pentucket	7:45 PM
Friday, December 22			
Tewksbury	Wrestling	at Central/Drac/Alv.	9:00 AM
Tewksbury	B/G Track	at Winter Festival	4:00 PM
Wilmington	Fr B Hoop	vs N. Reading @MS	4:00 PM
Wilmington	Fr G Hoop	vs N. Reading	4:00 PM
Wilmington	JV G/B Hoop	at N. Reading -MS	4/5:30 PM
Wilmington	V G/B Hoop	at N. Reading	6/7:30 PM
Tewksbury	JV/V B Hoop	at Bedford	6/7:30 PM
Saturday, December 23			
Wilmington	Wrestling	at Burlington	10:00 AM
Shawsheen	Wrestling	at Lowell Quad Meet	10:00 AM
Tewksbury	Wrestling	at Billerica	10:00 AM
Shawsheen	Fr B Hoop	vs Chelsea	10:00 AM
Wilmington	G Hockey	at Gloucester	12:00 PM
Wilmington	V Hockey	vs Lynnfield	2:30 PM
Monday, December 26			
Shawsheen	V B Hoop	at Pelham, NH	4:30 PM
Shawsheen	V G Hoop	at Christmas Tourney	TBA
Wednesday, December 27			
Wilmington	Wrestling	at NR/Tyngsboro	10:00 AM
Tewksbury	Wrestling	at Reading	10:00 AM
Shawsheen	Wrestling	vs Minuteman	11:00 AM
Wilmington	JV/V G Hoop	at Tewksbury	12/1:30 PM
Shawsheen	V Hockey	vs Bow @ Hooksett NH	5:50 PM
Tewksbury	V B Hoop	vs Burlington@WHS	6:00 PM
Tewksbury	V Hockey	at Martha's Vineyard	7:00 PM
Wilmington	V B Hoop	vs Whittier Tech	7:30 PM
Thursday, December 28			
Wilmington	Wrestling	at Georgetown Tour.	8:00 AM
Shawsheen	F B Hoop	at Tyngs. Tourney	9:00 AM
Wilmington	JV Hockey	vs N. Andover	2:30 PM
Wilmington	V Hockey	at Haverhill Tour.	5:00 PM
Shawsheen	V Hockey	vs Londonderry@Hook	8:00 PM
Shawsheen	V B Hoop	at Tyngs. Tourney	TBA

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Reading High baseball offers dynamic program

The instructors of The Reading Baseball School have announced the details of this winter's programs. The Reading Baseball School, sponsored by The Reading Recreation Department, is this area's most popular baseball instructional program for boys and girls of ages six to 13. This winter, we offer four exciting programs: a Pitching School, Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions, our popular February Vacation School and our annual weekend Mini-School.

Pitching School: This is a five hour program where players will be taught the proper mechanics of pitching, including correct grip, tuck position, stride, arm action, leg drive, release and follow through. Proper warm-up exercises and pitching drills are designed to help young pitchers throw with greater velocity and control, without injury to the arm. The Pitching school is offered on four consecutive Sunday mornings from 8 to 10:15 at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School. Players may choose either Session I: January 7, 14, 21, 28 or Session II: February 4, 11, 18, 25.

Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions: This is intensive hitting instruction for players ages seven to 13. Players will be divided into small groups by age, and receive comprehensive and individualized instruction in the mechanics of hitting. The program is designed to increase each player's ability to hit the ball harder, more consistently, and with greater confidence. Players will be taught proper bat selection, grip, stance, stride, swing and follow through.

Players will perform numerous drills that teach proper bat speed, balance, stride, use of top hand, use of bottom hand, follow through and how to: hit the high pitch, low pitch, pull the ball and hit to the opposite field.

These are the same proven drills that Reading High School players learn and use so successfully. There are four, four day sessions to chose from, all on Sunday mornings; Session I: January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 8 to 9; Session II: January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:30 to 11:30; Session III: February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 8 to 9; Session IV: February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 10:30 to 11:30. All sessions are at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

February Vacation School: This school will provide 10 hours of intensive instruction in the proper baseball fundamentals and mechanics. Players will improve specific baseball skills through drills, videotape sessions, and demonstrations. Emphasis will be placed on individual instruction and improvement.

Players will be divided into small groups by age and ability and will engage in activities appropriate for their specific needs. Instruction will be in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, catching and base running. The majority of the instruction time will focus on hitting, where players will get as many as 1,000 swings. The hitting instruction is based on the demonstration and practice of proven hitting drills effective for beginning through advanced players.

The February Vacation School will be offered from Monday, Feb. 19 through Friday, Feb. 23. Players can choose from Session I: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or Session II: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

Reading Baseball Mini-School: This is our 18th annual weekend Mini-School, which includes four hours of instruction in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, and base running.

The program is conducted similar to the February Vacation School, but in a condensed form, and serves as a great warm-up for the upcoming baseball season. The Mini-School is offered Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11. Choose either Session A: Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. and Sunday 9-11; or Session B: Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hawkes Field House, Reading.

At all of our programs, we believe that youngsters need frequent practice and repetition of baseball skills. Our daily schedule of drills and activities is designed to make each player an active and constant participant throughout each session.

The Reading Baseball School provides first rate facilities and equipment. The Hawkes Field House Facilities include batting cages, pitching machines, indoor pitching mound, bat speed machine, Solo Hitter, InstructoSwing, and videotape equipment. Our goal is to help each youngster improve, gain confidence, and have fun.

The school's director, Pete Moscariello, Varsity Coach at Reading High School and the staff is the same group of coaches who has led the Reading High School Baseball Teams to many years of success. At the school, players will do the same drills and learn the same fundamentals that we teach Reading High's players each spring.

Former Reading Baseball School attendees have gone on to excellent careers at area high schools such as Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Melrose, Winchester, Burlington, Woburn, Lexington, Wilmington, Lynnfield, North Reading, Medford and others. Many have continued on to play college ball and some have even played professional ball! So join us and learn the same pitching, hitting and defensive techniques as many of the area's most successful players!

Additional high school coaches are added to insure a supervisor-player ratio of 4-1 or better. Enrollment is limited at all programs. For more information or to receive an application, call Pete Moscariello at 781-942-1362.

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WHS Hockey

'Cats win crazy opener

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It might go down as one of the craziest games the program has endeavored, but when it was all said and done, the Wilmington High ice hockey team won its opening game, 5-4, over Triton Regional this past Saturday night at Newburyport's Graf Arena.

Amist four goals within a 32 second span, amidst clock operator problems, and amidst a fantastic back-and-forth battle which included Wilmington having two seperate two goals leads, the reigning Cape Ann League champions scored with 5:51 left to unleash a 4-4 tie.

Dan Liberty not only scored the game winner nine minutes into the third period, but he had three goals and two assists in an incredible opening game performance.

"Yes, Dan had quite the game," said coach Steve Scanlon.

Wilmington carried the play for most of the first period but were denied by goaltender Ryan Long (25 saves) who came up with several outstanding saves.

After the first period ended scoreless, Wilmington's Goeff Ferreira put the 'Cats on the board when he scored on a power play 4:18 into the second period with helpers going to Liberty and Matt Porter.

Sixty-four seconds later, Wilmington upped its lead to 2-0, Liberty this time put the puck in the net on assist from senior defenseman Scott Buck. Three minutes later, at 8:37, Triton cut the lead in half when Talon Pucker slipped one past Joe Luciano (25 saves) making it 2-1.

Ten seconds after that goal Liberty scored another goal, set-up again by Buck as well as senior captain Mike Whitney and that made it 3-1. Exactly ten seconds after that, at 8:47, Triton countered again with another goal making it 3-2.

Twelve seconds later Wilmington re-attacked with another goal, as Ferreira notched his second goal of the game and the period on assists from Whitney and Liberty.

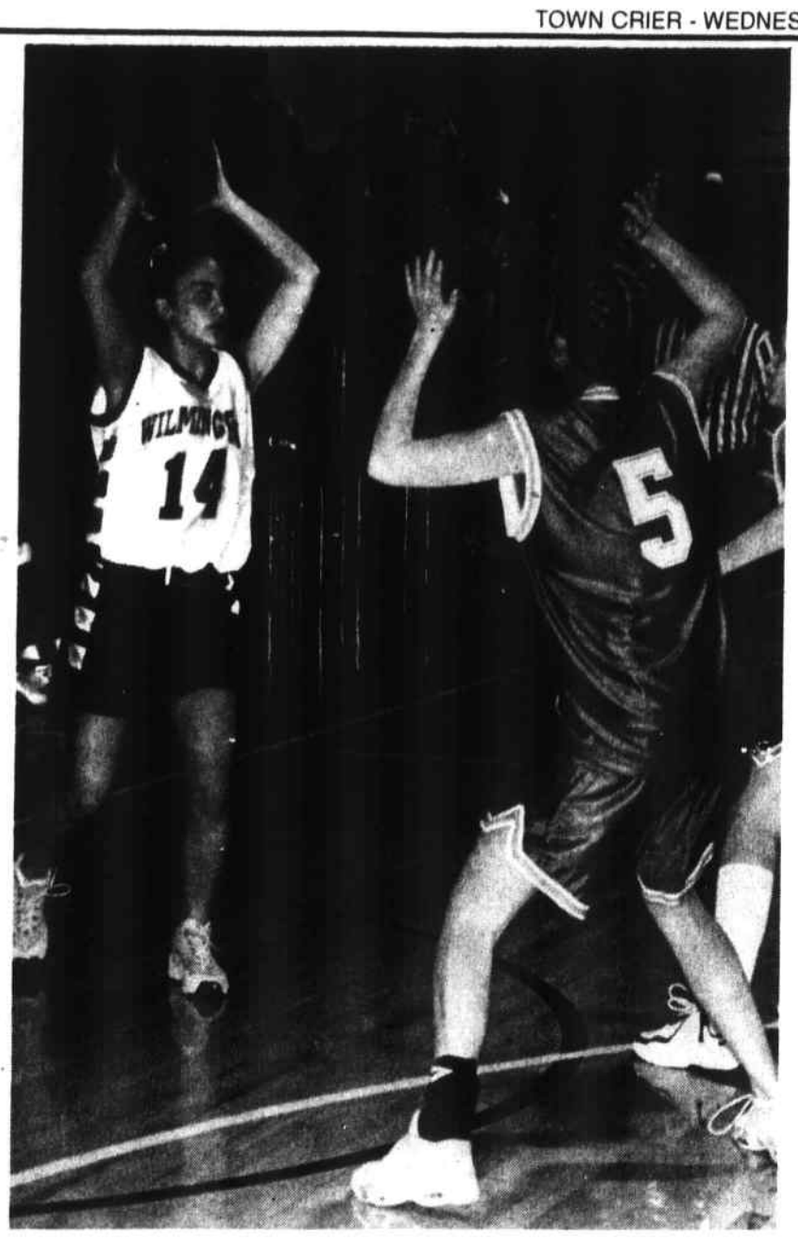
"It was crazy," said Scanlon. "Four goals in that time, who has ever seen that"?

Triton would once again storm right back in the third period. Just 22 seconds into it, theymade it 4-3 when Ben Colby scored an unassisted goal. The score stayed the same until the Vikings tied it at 4-4 at the 7:49 mark. Now with the game even, Wilmington pulled out the last stop as Liberty notched his third goal of the game and fifth point of the game scoring an unassisted goal with 5:51 remaining.

"It was good to open with the win," said Scanlon. "I thought we showed good character especially scoring after every time they scored. We kept bouncing back. It was a good win, a nice way to open the season."

Scanlon thought the young defenseman Matt Porter and Brent Holloway did a solid job, while, he also said Mike Montalto and Anthony Tomasi did a tremendous job killing penalties.

Wilmington hosts Amesbury Wednesday night at 7:30 and then they will face Lynnfield on Saturday at 2:30, which is a rematch of last year's sectional semi-final game in which the 'Cats lost 2-0.



WILMINGTON HIGH SENIOR LYNDSEY BORSETTI looks to make a pass during last week's Cape Ann League battle. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

WHS Girls Basketball

Pioneers edge out 'Cats at buzzer

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

With seventeen seconds left in Tuesday's contest, interim coach Bob Gillis went to his bench hoping that Colleen Cahill's size underneath the basket would make a difference in the Wildcat girl's basketball team tying the score up against Lynnfield.

Cahill was the difference. She ended up getting the ball with five seconds left and her shot missed the net.

"She got fouled by several Lynnfield players and there was no call," said Gillis of the 36-34 loss, as the 'Cats fell to 0-3. "Three Lynnfield parents came up to me after the game and said that we got the raw deal. Three of their parents, not ours.

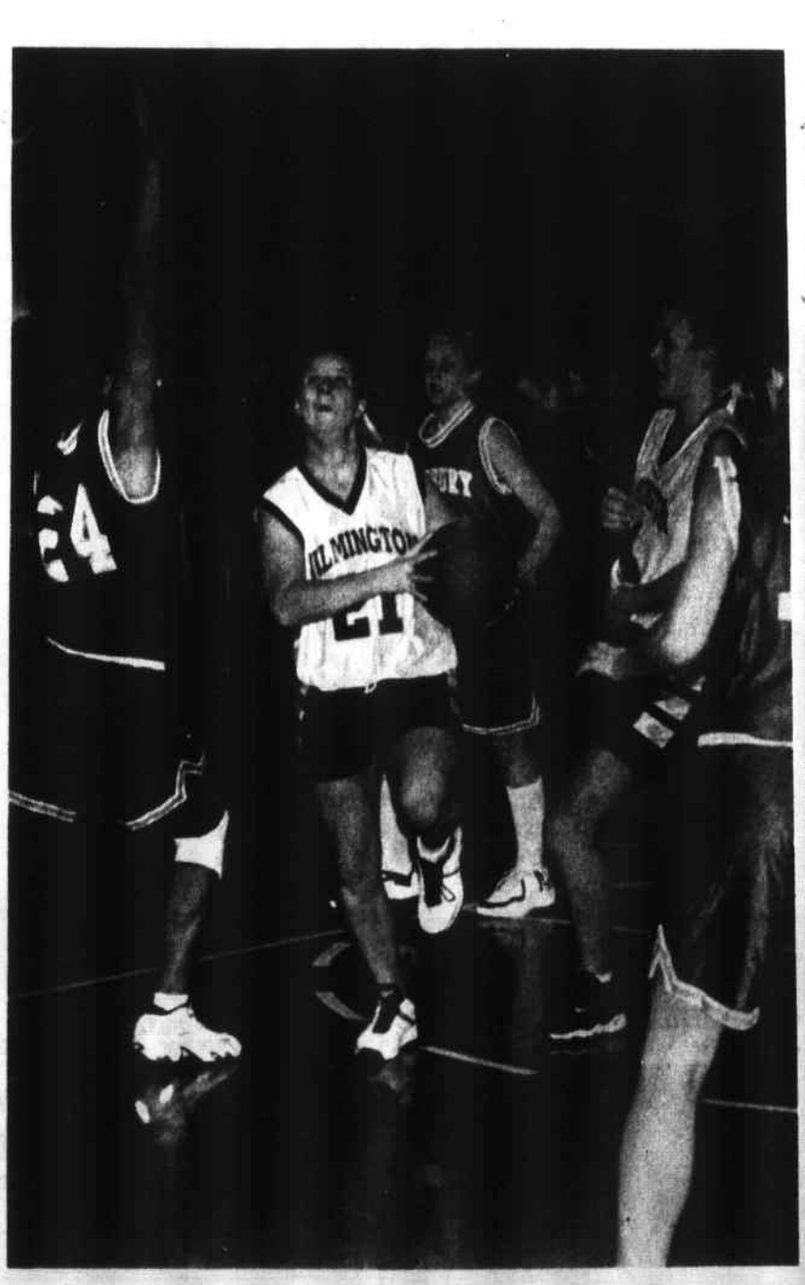
"But the kids played great, they really did. The defense was awesome. Lisa Antonageli must have had 10 steals and she was just phenomenal out there. Danielle Spry, Jenn Gillis, Lori Vachon, Kristen Sauve, Caitlin Bransfield and Sherri Thresher all played well and all played strong defense. I'm very happy with the performances - the kids played great and they played very tough."

Wilmington trailed by 13 at the half and stormed right back throughout a spread out offensive attack. Bransfield and Sauve both ended the game with 8 points, while, Kirsten Pizzotti, Spry and Vachon had 4 each. Gillis and Thresher rounded out the scoring with three points each.

"This is something we can build off," said Gillis. "Just to come back in the second half like we did was great. I'm very happy; if we play like we did in the second half, we'll get in the win column very soon."

Wilmington also played this past Friday night when they traveled to Newburyport. Talking with one of the players and then Gillis afterwards, this game goes into the books and stays there ... so it's not to be discussed. Wilmington lost big.

Wilmington will travel to North Reading on Friday night with tip-off at 6:00 pm.



WILMINGTON'S LORI VACHON DRIVES to the lane during a recent Cape Ann League girls' basketball game. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Jim Boudreau breaks record

Jim Boudreau, owner of Jim Boudreau's Automotive Service Center in Tewksbury, recently set a National Hot Road Association's National Record in 'C' Stock Automatic.

The record was set at Orlando Speedway Drag Strip in Orlando, Florida on December 8, 2000.

The new record is 10.50 seconds for the .25 mile in C/SA. The old record was 10.52, held by Steve Wann, set in April 1999 in Boise, Idaho.

The car is an 1969 Camaro, powered by a 369 cubi inch, 375 H.P. engine, coupled to a 400 automatic transmission.

Budreau is upgrading the Camaro to "A" Stock Automatic, powered by a 472 cubic inch motor. He is trying to be the first stock category car to record a time in the 9 second zone. Fastest stock time to date is at 10.04 seconds.

Track teams suffer opening defeats

By Paul Hayes
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High School boys indoor track team was unable to overcome inexperience and injuries, losing to league powerhouse Masconomet Regional High School, 68-18, at the Lynn Technical High School fieldhouse on Saturday.

First year coach Dana Sweet knew the odds were against him when he faced Masco. He decided that if his team couldn't win their season opener, they could use it as an opportunity to prepare for the season ahead.

"We moved people around, we tried different things," said Sweet. The team will need to make creative use of its lineup if it hopes to post wins later in the season.

Several of the teams top athletes are in various stages of recovery from injury, including seniors Mark Jepson, Josh Hiltz, Mike Halas and Andy Hackett. The team will depend on these four seniors, who are strong in the short distance and field events, to compensate for the teams weakness in distance events.

Sweet expects the seniors will each compete and place in multiple dash and field events, to compensate for a lack of scoring in the distance events, where most runners are freshmen and sophomores.

"We can't run (the seniors) in more than one event now," said Sweet, who estimated that only 24 of the team's 32-man roster is healthy. "The injuries cost us another 20 points in the meet (against Masco), but everybody has injuries, that's part of the sport."

The team posted 8 top three finishes against Masco, including Chris Calway who finished first in the high jump (6'0) and second in the 50 yard hurdles (7.2). Both performances qualified Calway for the season ending all-state meet.

The team took the lower two spots in the 50 yard dash,. with Jepson and Hiltz finishing second and third (both at 6.0). When they are recovered from injury, Jepson and Hiltz are both projected as top 300 yard runners.

Also scoring were Jason Gustin, who finished third in the 1,000 yard (2:39), Adam Jensen, second in the mile (4:57), Halas, third in the 300 yard run (37.4), and Hackett, third in the shot put (38 feet 9 inches). Sweet said he was surprised with the performances of Hackett in the shot put, and Calway in the high jump. He said Calway outperformed a couple of jumpers who will be vying for the league title.

"Some schools have their own tracks and gyms, but its tough for us (who practice) jumping outdoors," said Sweet.

Freshman distance runner Shayne Gaffney, who sat out Saturday's meet, is expected to be a top performer this season and is projected to return for the teams next meet against Amesbury and Hamilton-Wenham on Wednesday. The team will face Ipswich on Saturday.

Sweet is concerned by the team's lack of depth, but said the team would finish the season with a winning record if the top runners were healthy.

"After this weekend, we'll know where we are heading," said Sweet. "If we get some people back, we're in the mix."

Girls first place finishes not enough

By Paul Hayes
Sports Correspondent

Despite placing first in five out of ten events, the Wilmington girls indoor track team couldn't muster enough fire power, losing their season opener on Saturday against Masconomet Regional High School, 34-52.

A week before the two teams met at the Lynn Technical High School fieldhouse, coach Kara Kane had predicted her team had "at least one runner who can place in each event."

In most cases one place (six events) was all they could get against a strong Masco team. The only events in which Wilmington took more than one place were the high jump and 50 yard dash.

"The team definitely met my expectations," said Kane. "They all performed well."

Taking first place in their respective events were Michelle Brush (2 mile, 13:07); Kim Gillespie (300 yard, 42.2); Michaela Rufo (600 yard, 1:39); Rebecca Rufo (high jump, 4-8); Stefany Quinton (shot put, 30-8).

The team had only two 2nd place finishes, Ashley Veator (50 yard, 6.8) and Rebecca Rufo (mile, 6:03), and three 3rd place finishes, Carissa Newhouse (50 hurdle, 9.1) and Quinton (50 yard, 6.9) and high jumpers Michaela Rufo and Gillespie (tied at 4-6).

Kane expected her team would take several top finishes, but she was surprised by the way Michaela Rufo and Quinton won. Rufo passed a Masconomet runner in the last 50 meters, and edged out a win at the finish line. The gutsy victory revealed that Rufo is a stronger runner than she was last year, said Kane.

Quinton's 30 foot 8 inch toss was a personal record and a dramatic improvement from last year, and qualified her for a trip to the year end all-state meet. Also qualifying for the all-states were Veator in the 50 dash, Michaela Rufo in the 600 run, and defending Cape Ann League champion Gillespie in the 300 run.

As she predicted before the season started, depth is a concern for the young Wilmington girls team. Half of the team roster is comprised of freshmen. However, several underclassmen have stepped forward including Emily Dorrance and Janelle Bertolino in the 1,000 yard run, and Melissa Marks in the 600 yard run.

"We're trying freshmen in the 1,000, we'll be glad to find someone to fill middle distance," said Kane.

The team returns to action in what should be a close meet on Saturday against Ipswich, and next Wednesday in a tri-meet against Amesbury and Hamilton-Wenham.

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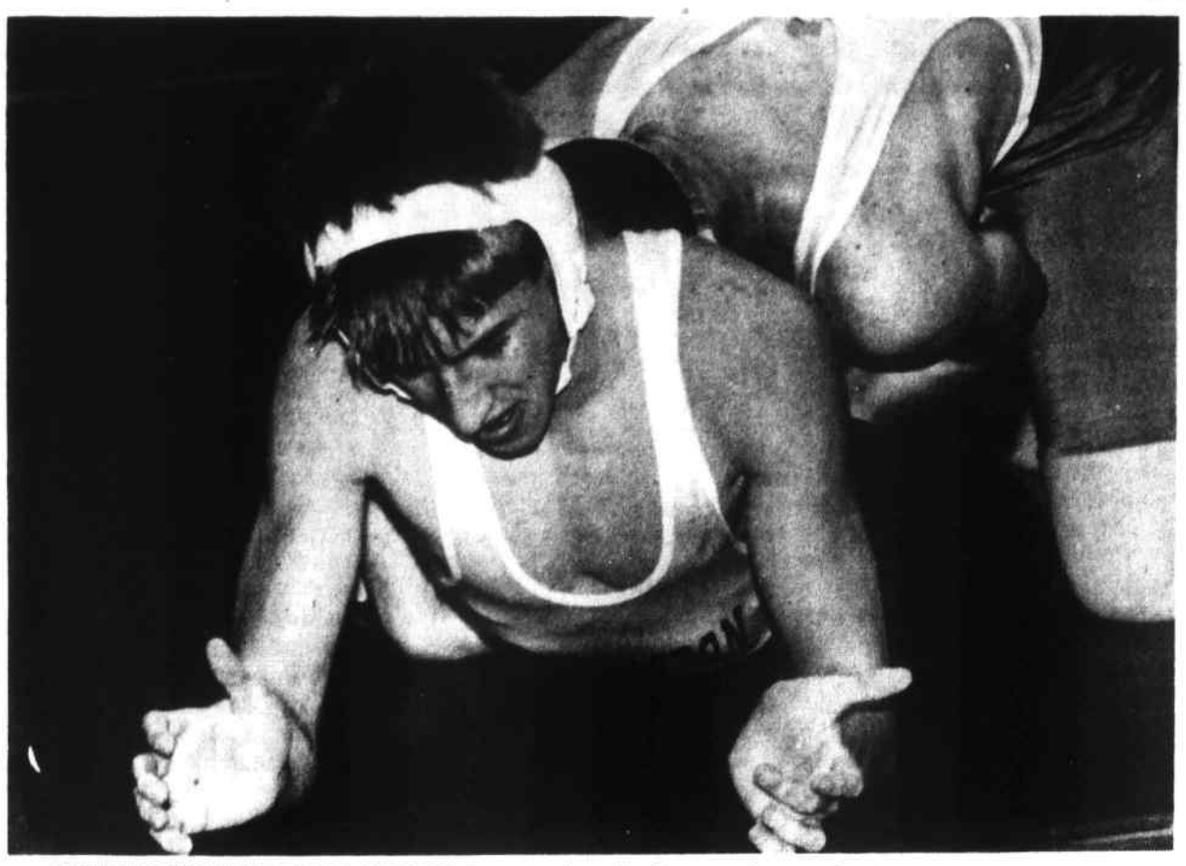
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WILMINGTON'S ROMAN WALSH TOOK a fourth place in this weekend's Sons of Italy Wrestling tournament held at WHS. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Wrestlers put on strong performance at S.O.I. tourney

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High wrestling team had quite a showing on Saturday in the 15th annual Sons of Italy tournament held at Wilmington High. The 'Cats finished fifth overall, just ten points away from third place finisher of Tewksbury. Besides the team performance, eight different wrestlers placed in the tournament.

Senior Marc Sollazzo was the only wrestler for the 'Cats to take home a title as he did so in the 152-pound weight class. In all four of his matches, Sollazzo pinned his opponents - three of the four coming within 98 seconds of the match.

Chris Minghella, a junior, took third in the 112-pound weight class, while teammates Sang Ngo (119) and Derek Hanley (130) also took thirds. Pete Reitchel (130), Roman Walsh (135), John McMahan (140) and Joe Cotto (215) also did very well taking fourth place in their respective weight class.

Last Wednesday night, the 'Cats opened their league season with an 42-27 convincing win over Hamilton-Wenham. Wilmington won the first six matches of the meet as Justin Strem (forfeit), Minghella (by pin at 0:59), Ngo (by pin at 0:23), Walsh (by pin at 1:57) and Pete Reitchel (by pin at 1:45), Hanley (by pin at 2:17) were all victorious. Sollazzo (by pin at 0:47) won the other match at 152 pounds.

This week the 'Cats will travel to Burlington on Saturday morning to take on the Red Devils beginning at 10:00 am.

Third try a charm for Girl's Hockey

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erhouse Framingham High, 11-0, on Saturday and Masconomet Regional High School, 8-4, on Thursday. Wilmington and Masco were tied 4-4 at the end of the second period, but Masco put the game away in the third period with four straight goals.

By the end of the week, the girls will have played 5 games in 8 days. They return to action tonight against Lincoln Sudbury, Thursday against Belmont and Saturday against Gloucester.

McMahon will conserve his team's energy by playing four lines, to limit each players ice time and prevent players from becoming exhausted. McMahon said his team would be evenly matched in each of the next three games.

But McMahon is more concerned with his teams attitude than their winning percentage.

His stated goal for this season is to create an interest in girls hockey and build a foundation for the program's future.

"Win or lose this is just a great bunch of kids," said McMahon. "They are starting to play together well."

Helping to build the team's foundation are the handful of players with prior hockey-playing experience, including freshman Rachel See. These veteran players are helping to teach the game to the rest of the team, most of whom had never skated before this season.

See has played hockey since she was 10 years old, when she was able to convince her mother that it was alright for girls to play hockey. She wants the other girls on the team continue to learn and become better hockey players.

"A lot of girls have come a long way, and they enjoy (playing hockey)," said See. "Hopefully other girls will start to look into it, and know that it is an option in high school."

The team couldn't have asked for a better advertisement than last night's win. As the team's chartered bus pulled into the Wilmington High School parking lot, the girls broke into the school fight song. Following school tradition, the girls changed the lyrics to fit their team.

"When the girls are on the ice they're really on the P-U-C-K," said the girls team, adding their own unique twist to the song. It was probably the first time the fight song included the words "girls" and "puck" in the same breath. But it was a night for firsts.

Squirt E's continue hot scoring trend

The Wilmington Squirt E Hockey team finally saw some game action last week at the Valley Forum, as they faced off with Triton in a well played game.

The Squirt E's hadn't played a game in quite some time due to a bye weekend and two consecutive no shows by the opposition teams. Although receiving some extra full ice practices in place of those games, the players were eager to return to real game situations.

The layoff didn't seem to hurt as Wilmington emerged victorious over Triton, 4-2. Both teams demonstrated their checking abilities and much of the play remained between the blue lines.

Wilmington opened the scoring early in the first period on a score by center Jeff Harris. Harris gained control of the puck in the defensive end and carried it the length of the ice before netting it high.

After some back and forth play in the neutral zone, Wilmington moved in and put pressure on the Triton defense. They stood up to it, however and managed a breakout.

A Triton forward, Brian Keenan, broke in, shot high, and beat goalie Richie Murray to tie the score at one apiece.

Wilmington went back to work and good forechecking by the line of Ryan Kennedy, Andrew Flodin, and Sean Travares produced Wilmington's second goal. Kennedy went into the corner and managed to get the puck out to Flodin, who put it past the Triton goaltender. That gave Wilmington a lead they wouldn't lose.

The second period saw more of the same forechecking and backchecking by both teams. The defense, consisting of Dean Moran, Justin Rivera, Chris Welch, and Jared Hayes, not only played strong in their own end but helped keep the pressure in the offensive zone by intercepting clearing passes at the blue line and feeding the puck right back in.

Winger Chris Colosimo broke up one play and sent Harris in, who fired a blistering shot at the net. It took a spectacular save by the Triton goalie to keep the game close. Just before heading off for a line change, winger Billy Liston stole the puck at center ice and combined with Harris to get it to Colosimo. Colosimo moved in past the Triton defense and slid the puck to the left of the goalie, into the net. This put Wilmington up 3-1.

Two minutes later Triton closed the gap after a faceoff in the Wilmington end. The Triton center, Carson True, won the faceoff and passed it to forward Brian Pyburn out in front. Pyburn's shot found an opening and it was back to a one goal lead for Wilmington.

Sixty-nine seconds after that goal the boys in blue struck back. As he has all season, defenseman Jared Hayes continued to frustrate the opposition with poke checks and steals. After breaking up one play, Hayes was able to get the puck to Harris. Harris showed some nifty stick handling moves, rushing in and switching to his backhand to score his second goal of the game.

Before the second period ended, Wilmington was forced to kill off an interference penalty to Hayes. It was the first time all season Wilmington was penalized and had to play short handed. It didn't faze them, however as Murray came up with several big saves to silence the Triton power play.

The third period was scoreless but certainly didn't lack for action. Steady backchecking by Kennedy, Tavares, Liston and Timothy Marten foiled any attempts at a Triton offense. Harris, Flodin, and Colosimo kept the Wilmington offense humming with several shots which kept the Triton goalie busy.

Stand up defensive plays in front of Murray by Rivera, Welch, Moran and Hayes stopped Triton from any thoughts of a comeback.

Wilmington's next game will be an early morning contest at the Forum on Saturday December 23 against Andover. It'll be the beginning of a busy 10 day Christmas vacation stretch which will feature three Valley League games, several pre-dawn practices, a trip to East Boston, and competing in the Tewksbury Christmas Tournament. The coaches and parents will have little time to relax but the kids love it.

Sixth grade girls taking charge

In its first league game of the season, the 6th Grade Wildcat girls travel basketball team took charge at the Wilmington High School on Sunday with an easy win over Salem.

After moving up a division from last year, the team has been playing several non-league games against some stiff opposition to prepare them for league play.

The Wildcats were more than prepared for the match, outscoring their opponents 30-18. Despite Salem giving it their all, the first half ended with a score of 14-7 in favor of the Wildcats.

Tough defense from guards Samantha Canning and Dana Nolan frustrated Salem as they turned the ball over time and again. Strong rebounding by Jessica Harrington and Ashley Bruno allowed the Wildcats to score baskets with second shot opportunities.

The Wildcats simply added to their growing lead in the second half with Taryn Martiniello and Christine Marques providing solid defensive pressure on the Salem guards resulting in key steals. Salem had trouble rebounding, shooting and passing the ball and the Wildcats finished the game with a score of 30-18.

High scorers of this game were Stephanie Sauve and Katelyn Sullivan with 8 points a piece. Centers Kerri Stinson and Ashley Vitale had strong games for Wilmington in the middle scoring 6 and 4 points respectively.

Rounding out the scoring were forwards Kim Silvia and Christina Iaquinto who added a basket a piece. The win puts the team 1-0 in River Valley league competition. The Wildcats have been playing together for just as short time, practicing once a week since November.

The girls fought hard in 5 pre season games against some tough competition including Division 1 teams in both 6th and 7th grade.

Squirt B's lose

The Wilmington Squirt B's lost a heart breaker to the Keane, N.H. Squirt A's, 3-2, in Valley action. The Cats jumped out quickly as Mike Derosa broke through the defense less than a minute into the game and beat the goalie with top corner shot. Keane answered quickly with three tallies of their own within the next five minutes.

The Cats got focused and played tough hockey from that point forward as Mike Cabral came up with some big stops to keep the Cats in the game. The defense played physical as they shut down the Keane forwards with the heads up play from John Kincaid, Cam Fitzpatrick, Evan Brennan, and Mike Derosa.

The Cats trailed 3-1 at the end of the first. The second period saw no scoring but plenty of chances for both teams. Nick Riccio put the Cats within one score with a super individual effort as he would not be denied on the play lifting a back handed shot in the upper netting with only a minute gone in the third.

The Cats seemed to have the better of the play as Steve Wamboldt, Matt Stokes and Kevin Creedon applied the pressure. With 2:10 left in the gam Keane took a penalty and the Cats went to work to tie the game. With Mike Cabral out of the net the Cats applied heavy pressure with Justin Dirienzo, Mike Jensen, Nick Riccio, Casey Pickett, Cam Fitzpatrick, and Mike Derosa dominating the play.

The Cats finally got the puck in the net as Justin tipped in a Nick Riccio shot but the goal came a half second too late and the Cats fell 3-2. This was a great game as the Cats never quit.

Holiday TV Schedule

WCTV covering local holiday festivities

WILMINGTON - Wilmington Community Television (WCTV) has scheduled a number of special holiday programs during the upcoming weeks that the entire family can enjoy. From the Annual Festival of Trees to the Lion's Club Santa, WCTV offers community holiday programming for everyone! Tune in to Channel 9 during these times to enjoy local community entertainment.

AIM Santa Party - the Access-is-Mandatory Organization, which meets every Tuesday at K of C Hall, hold its annual Santa Party. See their holiday special on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m.

Festival of Trees 1999 - Annual town holiday celebration directed by the Wilmington Garden Club. Members of dozens of community organizations get together, bring in and decorate a Christmas tree at the Wilmington Arts Center. The room full of beautifully decorated trees with various holiday themes, some with homemade ornaments and ornaments created by children, is then opened to the public for viewing. Saturday, Dec. 23 at 8 a.m.; Monday, Dec. 25 at 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 26, 9 p.m.

New England Brass Band - Christmas Concert 2000, The band presents a medley of enjoyable holiday tunes that are sure to create a holiday spirit. Thursday, Dec. 21 at 9 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 22 at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 10 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 28 at 9 p.m.

Santa Claus Visits 2000-Lion's Club Santa. More than 200 children from Wilmington visited Santa for the Wilmington Lions' Club 17th Annual Santa program. Friday, Dec. 22 at 1 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23 at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 25 at 8 a.m.; and Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 7 a.m.

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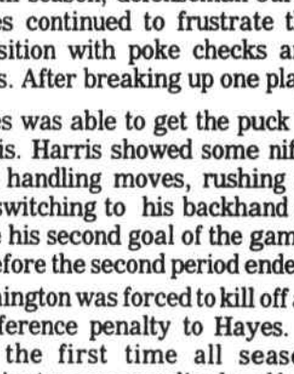
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Mite B's busy in Holiday traffic

Last Saturday was a busy one for the Wilmington Mite B Hockey Team. While others scurried to do Christmas shopping and fought off the mall traffic, the B's were busy squeezing in two hockey games and facing heavy traffic from their opponents on the ice.

In Valley league action, the B's defeated Tewksbury 5-1 in a thrilling afternoon contest at the Ristuccia Center, while in the Dual State League they fought and lost a 7 a.m. battle against a tough Chelmsford A team in Salem, N.H. Both games were marked by a strong team effort by the Wildcats.

The Valley League game Saturday against Tewksbury was an important one because the second place Redmen (3-1-1) were looking for a win to topple Wilmington (4-1-0) from its first place slot in the Mite Blue South Division. But for both teams, this game meant more than just that. It meant a chance to, for now, settle a simmering, neighborly rivalry between them - one that began last season when many of the players contended for a division championship, and then resumed in October when Tewksbury defeated the Wildcats in this season's opener.

The first period of play saw the puck traveling back and forth up the ice, with both teams maneuvering to get on the board first and gain the upper hand. Neither did, however, and the period ended scoreless, setting the stage for the two exciting periods to come.

Late in the second frame, Wilmington got its jump start from winger Brendan O'Brien, when he corralled the puck at the red line, skated it up and lifted a beautiful shot into the net for an unassisted, short-handed goal. O'Brien's goal proved to be the only score during the second period, however, leaving the outcome of the game still in question going into the third.

The Wildcats opened the third with an aggressive bid to make the period their own. At 47 seconds into the period, Brett Kidik, assisted by Brendan O'Brien, slid the puck under the glove of the kneeling Tewksbury netminder to make it 2-0 Wilmington. Five and a half minutes later Scott Derrickson astutely crammed in a rebound, initially gloved by the Tewksbury goalie, to give the B's an important insurance goal and mount pressure on Tewksbury.

But Tewksbury was far from done with its scoring bids. With 2:49 left in the game, the Redmen finally managed to get a shot by Wildcat goalie Brian Coutu to narrow the margin to 3-1. That goal seemed to breathe new life into the Redmen, as they shifted into overdrive to tie the game but wee consistently shutdown by a B's defense that hung tough.

Tewksbury finally pulled its goalie with a minute remaining, and Wilmington's Sean Keane countered by scoring an empty net goal off assists from Kevin Barry and Scott Derrickson. With the Redmen's goalie back in net, Chris Robertson then knocked in a deflected shot at the buzzer to give Wilmington the victory by the final score of 5-1. Matt Larffarello got an assist on the goal.

Throughout the game, defensemen Anthony Bruce, Sammy Grant, Brendan Collins, Peter Leighton, Alex Williams and David Mello put an airtight lid on checks and blocks on Tewksbury's offense to help secure the win. On offense, centers Paul Duffy and Pat Enwright contributed greatly by their non-stop hustle, forechecking and relentless offensive pressure on Tewksbury.

Netminder Brian Couro also had an outstanding game for the Cats, making a number of exceptional saves to keep his team in the game until the scoring began, and then to hold the lead after it did. Like his teammates, he continually frustrated Tewksbury's offense, gobbling up 13 of the 14 shots fired at him, including a few key ones late in the third that might have allowed Tewksbury back in the game.

In the B's other Saturday game, an early Dual State eye-opener at the Salem, N.H. I-Center, the B's fell 6-1 to a dominating Chelmsford A team that unleashed 20 shots on goal, including 11 in the second period. Wilmington hustled but mustered little offense during the first frame, but then dug in defiantly and got off six shots in the next two periods.

All three Wilmington lines stayed the course defensively to slow Chelmsford's potent offense and keep their comeback chances alive going into the third period. Matt Larffarella put in a rebound for the Wildcats' only goal.

The loss to Chelmsford is the second the B's have sustained since being moved up two levels in the Dual State League, following an impressive winning run in the parity round of play.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH MCMAHON for being selected as a member of the Austin Preparatory Junior Varsity Basketball Team. Sarah is currently a sixth grade student at Austin Prep. She is also a proud member of the Wilmington Wildcat Girls 6B Traveling Basketball Team - Blue Lightning (Courtesy Photo).

Squirt B's split latest two games

Wilmington 5, Malden 2

The Wilmington Squirt B youth hockey team played the Malden Squirt A team in a Dual State contest beating them 5-2 in what was their best played game of the year.

The Cats demonstrated their ability to move the puck and capitalize on their scoring chances. The Cats got on the board quickly as Mike Jensen took a pass from Steve Wamboldt and broke through the defense beating the goalie. The Cats took a 2-0 lead as Mike Derosa ripped a shot that broke through the goalie and was knocked in by Nick Riccio with Matt Stokes on the door step as well.

The Cats goaltending by Mike Cabral was his finest of the season as he shut down the Malden offense with the help of Jonathan Kincaid, Cam Fitzpatrick, Evan Brennan and Mike Derosa on defense. The defense was solid, not letting Malden get any easy shots. The Cats forwards Justin Dirienzo and Casey Pickett did a solid job of back checking in this game to help the defense. Nick Riccio wet up Kevin Creedon in front of the Malden net to put the Cats up 3-0.

Malden did get on the board but Mike Jensen who was flying in this game answered with his second of the game as he took a breakout pass from Cam Fitzpatrick and slid a low shot in the far corner putting the Cats up 4-1 after two periods. Nick Riccio scored on the opening faceoff of the third period with a blistering wrist shot over the goalie's shoulder. Malden got one back late in the third as they pressed the Cats for the final six minutes of the game but the Cats held on for the 5-2 final.

Agawam 6, Wilmington 3

The Cats continued their losing streak in the Valley League as they out played Agawam Squirt A to a 6-3 loss. The Cats picked up where they left off against Malden as they continued to move the puck well but could not capitalize on their opportunities in this game. The Cats got on the board early as Casey Pickett out raced the Agawam defenseman to the puck and found Justin Dirienzo on the side of the net. Justin hit Nick Riccio on the tape and he buried the puck in the twine for the 1-0 lead.

Agawam answered with one goal of their own and the game was tied at one after one. The Cats defense was solid once again but had to take some chances late in the third period and Agawam took advantage. Back boning the Cats defense were Evan Brennan, Cam Fitzpatrick, Steve Dunnett and Jonathan Kincaid.

The Cats were down 3-1 after two periods but were very much in the game as they seemed to out play Agawam in the second period. Mike Cabral, in net for the Cats held Agawam at bay until the third period giving the Cats a chance. Nick Riccio found Justin Dirienzo on a 2-on-1 and Justin one timed the pass right by the goalie bringing the Cats to within one score.

Agawam answered quickly but the Cats were awarded a penalty shot. Mike Derosa clanged the puck off the post and the Cats had to get something going quickly. The Mike line, Mike Derosa, Mike Jensen and Mike Gautreau who was playing his first game of the year after breaking his ankle, put continuous pressure on the Agawam goalie. Kevin Creedon, Matt Stokes and Steve Wamboldt had their chances as well but could not crack the Agawam net minder.

Agawam put the game out of reach with two quick goals. Casey Pickett rounded out the scoring with a wrap around but the Cats were on the short end of a 6-3 score. If the Cats continue to move the puck as well as they did this past weekend they will quickly put an end to their Valley losing streak.

Sixth grade hoop team 8-1

The Wilmington sixth grade basketball team won two games last week. The wins extended their league record to 4-1 and their overall record to 8-1.

The boys hosted Dracut in a rematch of the championship game of the Thanksgiving Weekend Tourament. The Wildcats started slowly, as usual, in this one. Big hoops from Pat Ryan and Josh Mayo kept the Wildats in this one in the early going. But the Wildcats would trail this one 12-8 midway through the first half. Kyle Borseti picked up the pace for the Wildats as he threw in eight big points to lead Wilmington back into the game. Nick Duggan came up huge throwing in eight of his game high 14 points to give the Wildcats a 27-24 half time lead.

Defense was the name of the game in the second half. Two different zone traps lead to numerous Dracut turnovers. Rich Barry and Greg Stewart threw in four points each off a big steal. Mike Thomas, Dan Patterson and Brendan Demango controlled the boards at both ends of the court. The Wildcats went on to a 45-37 victory.

On Saturday, the boys hosted North Andover. What a surprise, ano slow start. North Andover jumped out to an early 8-0 lead. Wilmington needed to regroup. And regroup they did. Led by an unbelievable pressure scored 12 unanswered points. Tim Kent had 10, Pat Ryan threw in eight and Greg Stewart chipped in with seven to close the half out with the Wildcats on top 31-13.

Kyle Borseti and Rich Barry came out with some steals early in the second half. Mike Thomas had a great game on the boards while chipping in with five points. Brendan Demango, Josh Mayo and Dan Patterson came up with four big points each as the Wildcats coasted to a 49-23.

Pee Wee E's gelling

The Wilmington PeeWee E youth hockey team played a tough Danvers squad in an evening contest on December 16 at home. The Wildcats had a 6 p.m. Dual State game at Skate 3 and then had to rush to Wilmington to play Danvers at 8 p.m.

Unfortunately for Danvers Wilmington was all warmed up and ready to play. The Wildcats jumped out to a one goal lead early in the first. Daniel Spurr beat the Danvers goalie when he took a nice feed in front of the net from Jared Waite who controlled a pass from Eric DiDomenico and found Spurr out front for the lead.

Danvers answered with 3:13 left to play, but Wilmington would not be out done. With six seconds left in the period, DiDomenico stole a Danvers pass and found a cutting Spurr. Spurr made a nice entry pass to Chris Ployer and Chris beat the goalie high. The period ended with Wilmington up one.

The second period was a defensive battle. The Wildcats defense of Loring, Heenan, Pickett and Swift and some great goaltending by Secher neutralized the Danvers offense for most of the period. Danvers did manage to tie the game with 2:00 left. The game was tied 2-2 after two.

In the third period both teams came out hot. Danvers scored first but Wilmington matched them immediately with some great skating by Crowley, Lynch and Schultz. Schultz made a nice lead pass to a cutting Lange who slid it under the goalie's pad to tie the game. Wilmington was not done scoring. Pickett broke up a Danvers drive and fed the puck up to Swift who passed it over to Ployer and Ployer rifled it to the back of the net. Wilmington had the lead but Danvers came back to tie it with 3:16 left on the clock.

Wilmington would not be denied the win. With 2:22 to play Heenan, who played great defense all night, stole a pass, fed her defensive partner Loring. Loring looking up ice found Ployer for his third and biggest goal of the night. Wilmington won 5-4 after a hard fought game that was played at both ends of the ice. Wilmington is now 3-3-1 and is really coming together as a team.

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Austin Prep winter sports wrap-up

Boys Hockey

The Austin Prep Boys Hockey Team is ranked second statewide, according to an article recently released by the Boston Globe.

Last year, the Cougar Boys finished their season in third place in the Globe rankings. The season ended with a lost to B.C. High in the semifinals of the Super 8 Tournament.

Coach Bill Flanagan is pleased with his team's prospects for this year, noting, however, that they have to play the season from scratch an cannot afford to rest on their laurels.

The Cougars opened their season Wednesday, December 13 against North Reading in a non league matchup and came away with an 8-3 victory. They face their first league opponents on the 20th when they go up against St. John's of Shrewsbury.

Boys hockey team captains were recently announced. They are seniors Charles "CJ" Hanafin, of Burlington and Dennis Sullivan of Wilmington. The assistant captains are seniors A. Eric Raia, of Stoneham and Jim McGonagle of Wilmington.

Girls Hockey

The Austin Girls Hockey team, last year's Division III runners up, move up to Catholic Conference Division I this season. They played their season opener against Fontbonne on Monday, the 11th, with a game against Arlington Catholic as well as their season opener at the Tsongas Arena vs Matignon later in the week.

This year's team captains, announced by Coach Jim McGonagle, are Caitlyn Dickinson, a junior from Billerica, Shana McMahon, a junior from Woburn and Kim MacElhaney, a sophomore from Andover.

Winter Track

Winter track opened its season against Savio Prep on December 12. This year, the Cougars have 20 boys and 15 girls on the team. Coach Keith Bennett is looking forward to a shot at this year's Catholic Central League championship. Team captains are senior Will Kent, III, of Wilmington, senior Matt Pimentel of Andover, junior Michelle Cangiano of Saugus and sophomore Kristen Boyce of Andover.

Swim Team

The Austin Prep Swim Team opened its season against Cardinal Spellman. Coach Paul DeVincentis has announced senior Jennifer Boyce of Andover as this year's team captain for the combined boys and girls team.

Girls Basketball

Cougars Girls Basketball Coach Tom Enright hopes for a return to the Catholic Suburban League Championship this season. Last year was the only season of the last four in which the Cougars did not take the number one spot. The girls' season opener was against Ursuline on December 15. This year's team captain is Kristine McAvoy, a senior from Lynnfield.

Boys Basketball

Austin Boys Basketball opened the season December 12 against Trinity Catholic. They closed out last year's season with a 15-5 record, losing to Lynnfield in the second round of the championship tournament. Coach Dave Maher likes his team's athleticism and hopes to build an even a stronger team defense. The captains of this year's squad are senior Stephen Acampa, of Saugus, junior Anthony Castellano of Georgetown, junior John Harrison of Tewksbury and sophomore Chad Gaudet, III of Burlington.



THE SHAWSHEEN TECH ICE HOCKEY TEAM opened its season on Thursday with a 4-1 loss to non-league opponent Bishop Fenwick at the Hollenborg Arena in Billerica. Captain Tim Scalley scored the lone goal for the Rams. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

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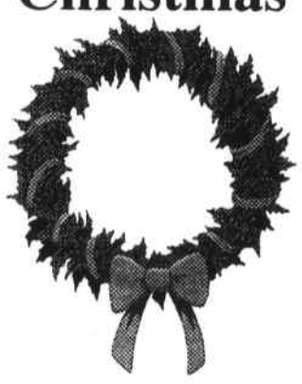
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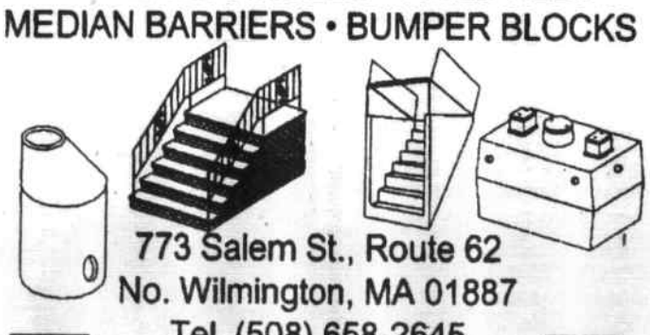
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Big 12 Division

Texas A&M 35, Baylor 33

Texas A&M and Baylor battled it out with A&M hanging on for a two point victory, 35-33. High scorers for A&M were Keith Brandano with 17, Greg Stewart with eight and Jesse Belding with six.

High scorers for Baylor were Joe DiMare with 13, Mike Catania with eight and Tom Miele with six. Mike Larffarello, Matt Regan and Ryan Mooney made big defensive plays when it counted for Texas A&M. Matt Pennie, Chris Crosby and Mike Fogarty scored key baskets for Baylor.

Texas 24, Texas Tech 22

High scorers for Texas were Kyle Borseti with eight, John Olivere with eight and Pat Ryan with three. High scorers for Texas Tech were Jonathan Maimaron with seven, Andrew Otovic with six and Nathan Mercer with four. Joshua Giroux, Chris Azevedo and Brian Sullivan dug in defensively for Texas. Chris Crescenzo, Rocco Puccio and Zachary Church made all the right moves for Texas Tech.

Kansas 37, Colorado 32

High scorers for Kansas were P.J. Russo with 17, Steve Potcner with 12 and Anthony Karalckas with six. High scorers for Colorado were Mike Thomas with 16, Kyle Nims with eight and Alex Montalto with six. Anthony DiPaolo, Jonathan Bishop and Kevin Cavanaugh made crisp passes for Kansas. Brian Wilson, Sean MacPherson and Steve Shibilia worked hard for Colorado.

Oklahoma 38, Iowa State 25

High scorers for Oklahoma were Sean Murphy with 22, Mike Fields with six and Jeff Youngclaus with four. High scorers for Iowa State were Derek Stukey with eight, Tim Foley with seven and Nick Zappala and Ryan Trulli with three points each. Nick Hogan, Alex Ardito and Ralph Newhouse were awesome on the boards for Oklahoma. Ryan Dooley Conor Moroney and Evan Walsh played an inspired game for Iowa State.

Kansas State 36, Missouri 34

In another very close game that saw over a dozen lead changes, Kansas State hung on to defeat Missouri by the score of 36-34. High scorers for Kansas State were Jeremy Schuh with 12, Mike Barry with eight and Mike Auciello with six. High scorers for Missouri were Matt Robinson with 10, Zach Mayo with nine and Josh Mayo with seven.

Steve DiTullio, Matt Olson, Jimmy Downs and Matt Ruggiero got big baskets in the clutch for Kansas State. Scott Bransfield, Corey Sheehan and Ryan Jones hustled up and down the court for Missouri.

Oklah. State 48, Nebraska 30

High scorers for Oklahoma State were Brian Caira with 16, Peter Rastellani with 10 and Rich Barry with eight. High scorers for Nebraska were Timmy Kent with 14, Dan Kline with six and Dave Doucette with six.

Sean Flynn, Mike Stewart, Nick Duggan and Mike Fitzgerald also scored in the well balanced attack of Oklahoma State. Mike Kavanaugh, Brendan DeMango and Ryan Olivieri defended the boards for Nebraska.

WAC Division

Utah 26, Rice 19

High scorers for Utah were Steve Stewart with 16, Jonathan See with four, Steve Baker with two, Jason Baker with two and Paxton Nicholas with two. High scorers for Rice were Dan Dell Isola with nine, Billy McGrath with four and Matt Kincaid with four. Lenny Colometo, Steve Silva and Christopher Feindel played an important role in the victory for Utah.

Philip Darcangelo, Billy McGrath and John Michaud were all over the court for Rice.

BYU 38, Air Force 16

BYU's powerful offense was too much for Air Force winning by the score of 38 to 16. High scorers for BYU were Michael Manganelli with 14, Anthony Nihan with eight and Timothy Shumsky with eight. High scorers for Air Force were Ken Vassallo with eight, Brian Flynn with four, Ben Ferry with two and Ricky Belding with two.

Steve Sughrue, Andrew Puccio and Anthony Nelson led the offense with great ball movement for BYU. Shawn Crosby, Dave McNee and Brandon Devlin gave it their best for Air Force.

Wyoming 14, New Mexico 10

High scores for Wyoming were Ryan Searles and Ryan McCarthy each with six and Jonathan Spurr with two. High scorers for New Mexico were Dylan Reed with six, Andrew Cazeau with two and Stephen Doucette with two.

Buddy Gormley, Mark DelRossi and Scott Bonish played tight defense throughout the game for Wyoming. Colin Wolson, Matt Sullivan and Mike Chiricosta, made big plays for New Mexico.

UNLV 22, Hawaii 14

High scorers for UNLV were Justin Chenevert with six, Mike Scola with five and Jonathan Derrick with four. High scorers for Hawaii were Scott Bonica with six, Matt Hachey with four and Cory Mason with two. Matt Capozzi, Kevin Cronan and Matt Morabito made great shots for UNLV. Donni Holbert, Jimmy Dinuccio and Paul Visconti defended well for Hawaii.

Penn State 14, Purdue 10

In a tough defensive battle Penn State came away with a close win. Penn State was led in scoring by Ryan Derin with six points, Christian Sanborn also with six, and Liam Gately chipped in with two. Purdue was led by Matt Celeste with six, Sean Keane with two and Dan McKinnon with two.

Tommy Valente, James Magnarell and Ryan Pennie layed great on defense for Purdue. For Penn State, Jonathan Rizzo and Dan Feranti's rebounding was key to a great game.

Illinois 12, Indiana 10

In a game that went back and forth, Illinois squeaked out a last minute win over a tough Indiana team. Illinois was led in scoring by Conner O'Riordan with six and Kyle Bernardo with six. Indiana had a well balanced attack with Mike Kelly, Dave Melkonian, Chris Crowley and Dan Cushing all chipping in. Ronnie DiTllio and William Reynolds played great on defense for Indiana.

For Illinois Ryan Bemis and Ryan Malone made great plays down the stretch.

Wisconsin 14, Michigan 11

In a hard fought game Wisconsin came away with a win over a very talented Michigan squad. Wisconsin was led in scoring by Nick Boutoures with six, Mike Murphy with six and Kyle Curtis with two. Michigan was led in scoring by Lance Flaherty with six, Sean Furlong with three and Scott Derrickson with two.

Ryan Bemis and Ryan Malone came up big on defense for the Badgers. Michigan's great rebounding was led by Kevin Flaherty and Patrick Magee.

Minnesota 11, Ohio State 7

Minnesota's defense was key as they edged out Ohio State in a great game. Minnesota was led in scoring by Steven Souza with four, Tim Bishop with four and Mark Scullari with three. Ohio State was led by Nolan Giroux with two, Eric Murray with two, Jeffrey Kannally with two and Dan McCarthy with one.

Marty Bamberg and Matt Goodland provided great hustle on defense for the Buckeyes. Minnesota defensive pressure was led by Tim Kent and Sean Sullivan.

Temple 18, Fordham 16

This was the most exciting game of the day with both teams battling hard to the end. Temple hit its last shot with time running out to beat a very good Fordham team. Temple was led in scoring by Jamie Burns with 10, Kerry Hanifan with four, Jessica Burke with two and Michael Winchell with two.

Fordham was led in scoring by Nichole Bockus with 10 and Michelle White with six. Temple's tough defense was led by Kellyn Campbell and Stefany Barcellos. Fordham fought to the end, led by the hustle of Collette Pierce and Brittany Smith.

UMass 22, LaSalle 11

UMass came out running and gunning in and up and down battle with a tough LaSalle squad. Umass was led in scoring by Alessandra Lyman with eight, Brittany Schuh with four, Erin McMahon with four and Jennifer Carroll with six. LaSalle was led in scoring by Lauren Nasiff with seven, Maureen Worthington with two and Christen Ungaro with two.

Jacqueline Lyman, Danielle Palcari and Marissa Viera came up big on defense for UMass. Leigha Carroll, Michelle Worthington and Elizabeth Himmell played great on both ends of the floor.

St. Joe's 34, Xavier 18

The high flying St. Joe's squad came out smoking, but a very good Xavier squad fought hard and played a great game. St. Joe's was led by the hot hand of Jessica Stuckey with 16, Charlotte Jensen with six, Natalie Russo with four, Jilian Fudge, Lorraine Simoneau and Katelyn Foy chipped in with two each.

Xavier was led in scoring by Nichol Cherubino with eight. Allison Robbins with four, Ericka Beraldi with four and Elizabeth Chia with two. Xavier was led on defense by Lisa Rooker, Ashley Antico and Nichole Luz

George Washington 23, Rhode Island 18

In a game that went back and forth George Washington's (GW) late game shooting was the difference as they edged out a very aggressive Rhode Island team. GW was led in scoring by Kristen Browne with 11, Ryan Giroux with eight, and Kaila Whooley with four. Rhoce Island was led in scoring by Courtney Ryan with eight, Kelley Walsh with six, Kayla Godding and Amanda Lee Hollenbeck chipped in with two each.

Rhode Island's defense played great led by Erica Sullivan and Alexandra Copp. GW's rebounding was a key to the win led by Jennifer Tyner and Ann Marie Souza.

WNBA Conference

Comets 27 Mercury 26

The Comets were led in scoring by Alyssa Bibeau with 10 points and Lani Cabral-Pini with five. Megan Godding led the Mercury in scoring with 12 points followed by Adrienne Masiello and Charisse Marchessi with four points apiece.

Karla Ellis, Stephanie Steeves and Julie McIsaac scored key hoops down the stretch to secure the victory for the Comets. Teresa DeSimone, Ryan Murphy and Nicole Roderick played a solid game at both ends of the court for the Mercury.

Fire 25, Liberty 17

Marjorie Taylor and Stephanie Ramsdell led the Fire in scoring with 18 points and five points respectively. Ashley Poirier led the Liberty offense with eight points supported by Katie Celli with four and Kelly Crosby with two. Beth Ananian, Amy Lentini and Devin Giroux were tenacious on defense for the Fire.

Amanda Figuerido, Lauren Murphy and Erin Lloyd displayed tremendous hustle at both ends of the floor for the Liberty.

Monarchs 16, Sparks 4

Jillian Guzinski and Taylor Duffy with five and four points respectively led the Monarchs on defense. Alysse Sullivan with three points and Amy McHale with one led the Sparks. Amanda Miles and Julia Stein had multiple assists in the contest for the Monarchs. Kerry Velozza, Katelyn Kauffman and Brittany Hanafin played solid defense for the Sparks.

PAC 10

Stanford 19, Oregon 16

Alyssa Brown led Stanford on offense with nine points followed closely by Katie Cole with six, Dana Nolan with five points along with Shannon Metcalfe and Christine Iaquinto with four each led Oregon State.

The key to the game was a late first half run by Stanford scoring eight straight points to close a nine point deficit down to one. The key to the run was the solid Stanford defense led by Samantha Canning, Kathryn Nelson and Danielle Miles. Danielle Robarge, Michelle Catania and Emily Clapp played a solid two way game for Oregon State.

USC 20, Washington State 18

Katey Sullivan with 10 points, Colleen Magee with six and Cassie Doherty with four led USC. Ashley Vitale with 10 points along with Jillian Miranda and Brianne Bozzella with four each led Washington State. Jennifer Petinge, Tara McNabb and Lauren Lamson controlled the boards in the closing minutes of the game to secure the victory for USC. Samantha Souza and Lauren Hitchins played an inspired game for Washington State.

Washington 25, Oregon 14

Laura Stinson with 13 points led the way for Washington assisted by Brittany Winchell and Nicole Bradley with five points apiece. Christine Marques with seven points led the way for Oregon. Nina Burke, Courtney Parsons and Megan Keane also contributed to the Oregon offense with two points apiece.

The key to victory for Washington was their solid passing game led by Lauren Frissore, Danielle Bamberg and Jen Paris with multiple assists each. Jill Ennis and Susan Livermore played a solid two way game for Oregon.

Arizona 18, California 11

Ashley Bruno led the way for Arizona with 10 points followed by Katie Arsenault with four. Laura Gillis with six points along with Cassandra Longo and Kimmy Stockton with four each led California.

Jennifer Gilardi and Gina Rizzo scored baskets at critical points in the contest to preserve the victory for Arizona. Brittany Danehy and Renee Suprenant were tenacious on defense for California.

UCLA 29, Arizona State 16

Stephanie Sauve led the UCLA offensive charge with 10 points. Natalie Melkonian with eight points led the way for Arizona State followed closely by Alana Lacey with four. The key to the victory for UCLA was their balanced scoring attack as Christa Cavallaro with seven points, Megan Doherty with six, Julie Murphy with four and Andrea Mitchell with two scored key hoops to hold off any run by Arizona State.

Danielle Giordano and Nicole Nihan played a solid two way game for Arizona State.

NBA

Celtics 49, Grizzlies 35

The Celtics balanced attack was led by Mike Gore with 17 points followed closely by Bob Harrington with 10 and Jim Malmaron with nine. The game's top scorer Michael Kelly led the Grizzlies with 23 points.

Phil O'Brien, Dan Sprague and Kevin Cole played a solid two way game for the Celtics. Steve Iorio, John Cuoco and Brendan Strem hustled at both ends of the court for the Grizzlies.

NOTICE

To place a legal notice on this page FAX the legal notice to 978-658-2266 or mail it to:
Town Crier
104 Lowell St.
Wilmington, MA 01887

Deadline Monday 5 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Snow Plow Contractors

The Town of Tewksbury will be accepting applications for "Snow Plowing and Removal" for Fiscal Year 2001. Applications may be picked up at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

William R. Burris Jr., Superintendent

D20;1847

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 2, 2001 at 8:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #00-28 dated December 8, 2000, submitted on December 8, 2000 by Mark Burns, Charles River Laboratories, 251 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 251 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcels 24, 24A & 25. This application is for the proposed construction of a 60,000 square foot building to house research animals. A portion of the parking will be constructed beneath the building. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Garrant, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

D13,20;1844

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen in Room 9 at the Town Hall on Monday, January 8, 2001 at 7:05 P.M. on the application of Nortel Networks for a license to increase the storage of flammables aboveground consisting of 1,500 gallons of Liquid Hydrogen at 299 Ballardvale Street (Map R-2, Parcel 26). A plot plan is made part of this application.

Michael J. Newhouse, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

D20;1846

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 2, 2001 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #00-26 dated November 16, 2000, submitted on December 4, 2000 by Joseph Langone; Northeastern Development Corp., 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 102 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 171. This application is for the proposed construction of a 2,700 square foot office building. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Garrant, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

D13,20;1834

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 00P5740EP

Estate of Paul F. Lecaroz late of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex.

NOTICE

A Petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain Instrument purporting to be the also will of said deceased may be proved and allowed and that Walter C. Collins of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor without giving surety on his bond(s).

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon on January 4, 2001.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petitions, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objections is based, within (30) days after return day (or such time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, SHEILA E. McGOVERN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the twenty-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand.

Lee G. Johnson, Register of Probate Court

D20;1836

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Wilmington Office Building

LOCATION: 100 West Street Wilmington, MA

PROPONENT: One Hundred West Street, Wilmington Limited Partnership

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before December 15, 2000.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62-62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Mr. David S. Pickart
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
101 Walnut Street
P.O. Box 9151
Watertown, MA 02471
(617) 924-1770.

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Wilmington, where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consolation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By: David S. Pickart-Vanesse
Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
(agent for the Proponent)

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF APPEALS

Public hearing will be held at the Tewksbury Town Hall on December 28, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the following applications:

LEGAL NOTICE

7:30 P.M. Joseph J. and Naomi O. Canolora, for a special permit under Chapter 40A Section 6 Finding of the ZBL to demolish existing structure, and propose to construct a new 40' x 30' colonial with 24' x 24' garage with family room above. Premises located at 1533 Whipple Road, Assessor's Map 56, Lot 193, zoned Residential.

7:35 P.M. Northeast Refrigerated Distributing Co., for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.3.4.c of the ZBL for a firewater storage tank and pumping facility. Premises located at 1650 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 4, 5, 25, zoned Heavy Industrial.

7:40 P.M. Pace Family Trust, owner of record, Pace Family Trust M.L. Allen and M.R. Nocco Tr., for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3.4.c of the ZBL. Also for a special permit under Chapter 40A Section 6 Finding of the ZBL, to remove the existing house and construct a new house. Premises located at 20 Pace Road, Assessor's Map 97, Lot 22, zoned Residential.

7:45 P.M. Luigi Colucciello, Jr. Trs., owner of record, Luigi and J. Colucciello for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3 Footnote (1) of the ZBL for storage of supplies. Premises located at 1585 Shawsheen Street, Assessor's Map 112, Lot 75, zoned Heavy Industrial.

7:50 P.M. Dennis Sullivan, owner of record, Dennis M. and Marcia D. Sullivan for a variance from the requirements of Section 4.6.a.5 note 8 and 5.3.4.a and 5.3.8 of the ZBL for a 1424 square foot addition. Premises located at 60 Glenwood Avenue, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 219, zoned residential.

7:55 P.M. Kimberly and Kenneth M. Staskywicz, for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3.4.a of the ZBL to add a second story and cover the existing steps with a roof for residential use. Premises located in 1448 Whipple Road, Assessor's Map 56, Lot 27, zoned Residential.

Tewksbury Board of Appeals

D13,20;1835

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Case 1-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of 100 West Street, Wilmington Ltd. Partnership, c/o Robert Peterson, Esq., 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 4.1.10 to conduct scientific and product development as an accessory use in a proposed office building at 100 West Street and abutting parcels. Map 71 Parcel 3,4 & 5.

Case 2-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of 100 West Street Wilmington Ltd. Partnership, c/o Robert Peterson, Esq., 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct an office building within the required side and rear yard setback at 100 West Street and abutting parcels. Map 71 Parcel 3, 4 & 5.

Case 3-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 7, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A

Case 4-2001

A public hearing will beheld at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 6, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A

Case 5-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 425, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 5, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Case 6-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 4, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A

Case 7-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 3, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A

Wilmington Board of Appeals

D13,20;1838

Tewksbury youth boys' basketball

Eddie Donovan leads Hornets to third victory

Junior Divison
Hornets 34
Hoyas 30

The Hornets improved their record to 3-1 with an exciting 34-30 win over a tough Hoyas team. The Hornets were led on offense by Eddie Donovan with 10 points and Ronnie Wallace with 7. TJ Greene chipped in 6 points and Brendan Coughlan had 4. Mike Astuti also played a strong game for the Hornets.

In a hard fought game that went down to the final seconds, the Hoyas were lead offensively by Joe Killion with 10 point, Kevin Pitts with 8, and Jimmy Tarpey with 6. Defensive standouts for the Hoyas included Derek Steen, Shiv Patel, Brendan McElroy & Shawn Corbett.

Cavs 30
Blue Devils 25

The Cavs continued thier winning ways with a win over the Devils. Once again, the Cavs did it with a strong team effort with Robbie Hutchins, Jim Mazzapica and Josh Pires all scoring in the first quarter to get the team going. Good defense by Chris Hayes and Emilio Jacinto helped keep the Devils at bay. Ethan Marsh and Mike Deacetis finished with a strong fourth quarter on both ends of the floor to help the Cavs win this game. High scorers for the Blue Devils were Dan Conrad with 10, and David Robertson and Nick Mann with 4 points apiece.

Sixers 31
Lakers 16

The Sixers defeated the Lakers with a complete team effort and the offensive power provided by the awesome passing of Scott Oberg and the scoring of Michael Hood (12 points) and Michael Hanifin (6 points). The defense was lead by Tyler Bradley and Scott Hynes. The Lakers offense was sparked by Kevin Kapust and Neil Marino. The hard-nosed defense of the ever-hustling Andrew Mastone kept the Lakers within striking distance.

Warriors 39
Kings 8

Led by Eric Magee's 11 points, the Warriors defeated a scrappy Kings team. Michael Delponte kicked in with 8 points and Chris Teixeira had 7. David Page did an excellent job at point guard and added 5 points. John Donovan and Dhiren Shah were consistent on both boards with big rebounds and 2 points each. Danny Sitar and co-captain Derek Sullivan chipped in with 2 points each.

Defensive standouts Jimmy Maksian and Ryan Cullen made key defensive plays that helped preserve the win. Dan Medeiros led the Kings with 4 points. Other Kings standouts were Kerin Foley, Paul Spada and Dan McDermott.

Raptors 40
Celtics 39

In a close game between the Celtics and the Raptors, the Raptors prevailed in overtime. The Celtics offense was led by Michael Reichert with 11, Charlie Lucia with 10, and Daniel Devoe with 5. The defense was anchored by Joe Altavesta, Michael Fugard, and Manny Cabral.

Intermediate Division
Heat 46
Jazz 33

This game had defense written all over it as neither team was allowed to get many shots off in the opening quarter. Both teams found ways to penetrate the others' defense in the 2nd quarter but the entire game stayed tight as no individual quarter was won by more than 6 points.

Both offenses opened up in the 4th with a 20 to 15 quarter score. Spirits were high as the Heat posted their first win this season. Chris Reynolds responded to a request for a rebounding game with 13 and Jake Turner picked up 8 of his own.

An inspirational 4th quarter basket by Greg Lobdell and an all-time personal high 8 points by Billy Tarpey gave the team a much needed adrenalin rush. Point guard Sean O'Hare took his game up a notch with tough defense and a team high 10 points and 4 steals, while Billy McKenna came off the bench to score 8 critical driving points.

The Jazz offense showed leadership in the 2nd and 4th quarter from Benson Mbugua and Justin Sharifi as they combined for 21 points. Justin Illsley, Daniel Saunders, Brian Alloway, Donnie Mackenzie and Jonathan Impemba demonstrated solid defensive skills never letting the game get away from them.

Friars 37
Eagles 25

The Friars walked away from a gritty game with their first victory this season. Demonstrating the importance of position and hands up play, the game was marked by solid defense from both teams, which led to numerous steals and deflected passes. The Friars jumped out to a 10-2 first quarter lead. By the half the score was 22-10. The second half played out dead even as the Friars held on to their lead with the best defense they have played all season. All players worked their hardest and smartest to get their first win of the season.

The Friars high scorer was guard Mike Perrigo with 8 points. Center Mark Cardarelli had 6 points while baskets from Jimmy Bruce and Jimmy Devine excited the team as well as the coaches. Outstanding defensive efforts by forwards Mike White and Jimmy Devine caused many Eagle turnovers.

Guards Pat Morrissey, Joe Dogherty and Ben Lucchesi hustled and dove for loose balls. Keith Tashjian and Keith Hyland performed well offensively by passing on target and by working hard to get open for good shots. Eric Webb had his motor running in high gear all game long and topped all Eagle scorers with 9 points.

On defense, Steve Tecce and Alex Barbosa had solid games. Brian Kilfoyle pulled down 8 rebounds. The overall hustle and determination of the team remained until time ran out.

Pistons 53
Hornets 26

Only one team would walk away from this matchup with an unblemished record as both entered the gym undefeated. It was the Pistons that left the gym with their 4th win of the season as they knew they would have to elevate their play to stay on top of the Intermediate League. John Delponte and Shaun Silvia not only elevated their play, but they both had their best outing thus far this season.

Ben Judge had a great game with 6 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals, and numerous blocked shots. Dean Sheehan's alert outlet passing gave the Pistons some much needed fast break points against proven tough Hornet defense. Mike Arpin's great leaping ability and speed proved to be a tough match for the Hornet's offense as he had 7 huge blocked shots and 4 steals. Brendan Tuttle's quick hands and keen anticipation helped him post some big numbers as well with 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, and 4 steals.

The Hornets had their work cut out for them and turned in some terrific play in the 3rd quarter to cut the lead down. Jason Montes had a 12 point game effort and Ted Hamm found the rim for 6 points. Justin Melloni and Tom Ford put in valiant defensive efforts continuing to show that the Hornets are a fine team.

Bullets 45
Sonics 23

The fourth game of the day pitted two teams with identical 2-1 records. Both teams display a tough defense. The Sonics jumped out in front with the first basket of the game but the Bullets clamped down to score 11 unanswered points to end the first quarter.

The Sonics came right back in the second, closing the gap to 17-11 at the half. Even play throughout the third kept the Bullets lead at 6 going into the 4th before the Bullets full court press helped them pull away.

The Bullets Kris Pazzanese cleaned the boards 13 times while DJ Minton had 6 rebounds. Defensively, Robert Tanso and Mike Pazzanese created numerous steals with aggressive hustle. Offensively, James Moody had 13 points and David Barbato had 6 points to lead the Bullets.

For the Sonics, Brian Gorman played well with 7 points. Paul Stornegna and Mike Rowe played a good rebounding game while Kyle Monico turned in a well-rounded game effort.

Nuggets 57
Nets 33

The Nuggets showed how balanced they are with scoring and defense with the contributions of everyone on the team. Excellent team play was exhibited both defensively and offensively as the Nuggets controlled the boards on both sides with Brian Baptista, Derek Lowe, Scott Mello, Minal Patel, Mike Parcella, Chris Foran and Shane Riddle all providing outstanding drives to the hoop for key baskets.

For the Nets, great scoring efforts were put forth by Neil Drugan and Steve Rolka at the offensive end and great defensive plays by Byron Rogers and Nick Alikonis. Mike Poore retrieved numerous rebounds and limited the point scoring efforts of the Nuggets.

Senior Division
Timberwolves 46
Bulls 34

The Bulls were led by Kevin O'Neil with ten points. Eric Stokowski was right behind him with eight points. Mike Murphy and John Sholl each had five points. Strong defensive efforts by John Latta, Andy Lucchesi and Chad Cobb kept the game close for the Bulls.

Huskies 71
Pacers 44

The Huskies received strong play from their first year players in a win over the Pacers. Alex Herzog, a first year player, lead all scorers with 30 points. Dave Reichert, also a first year player, contributed 8 points. Strong defensive play was also turned in by Kevin Bruce, Ryan Lemelin, Mike Cronin and Brad Petrishem. This was a complete team effort from the Huskies improving their record to 3-1 for the season.

Falcons hand Jayhawks one-point loss

Tewksbury Girls Basketball
Intermediate League
Falcons 23 vs. Jayhawks 22

The Falcons started off the season with a nailbiting win over the Jayhawks. Stephanie Demoracki was high scorer with 10 points. Kaitlyn Sullivan had 3 pts. and Erin Sheehy had 6 pts. Amy Morin and Mary Lane came through with 2 pts. each.

Defensive Player of the game was Lynne Andrews. Amy Morin and Brittany DeCredico showed the fans their talent of great dribbling by squeezing by the Jayhawks defensive press. Cheri Morrison, Steph, Lynne and Kaitlyn kept this game ito close to calli, by crashing the boards on defense. Great way to start off the 2001 season.

High scorers for the Jayhawks were Caitlin Connors and Sheran Elliot with 8 pts. each. Great defense by Jessica Waldrip

Crusaders 30, Terriers 9

High scorers for the Terriers were Amanda Brian (6 pts.), Maggie Joyce (2pts.), and Jordan Russell (1pt.). Offensive Player of the game was Amanda Brian. Defensive Player of the game was Audrey Cutelis. Great effort by all for the first game of the season.

The Offensive Player of the game for the Crusaders was Jillian Elwell. Defensive player of the game was Michaela Marche. The top three scorers were Jillian Elwell with 14 pts., Kasey Smith (8 pts.) and Michaela Marche (5 pts.). Great game by Jill Elwell. Outstanding iDi by Michaela Marche. Amanda Carroll was strong in her layups.

Cardinals 24 vs. Eagles 18

The Cardinals opened the season with a solid team effort. Mia Luteriais aggressive, ball hawking defense gave her several scoring opportunities. Young Katie Standke played smart and poised as she scored a key basket late in the game.

High scorers for the Cardinals were Mia Luteria (8pts.), Jen Carr and Danie Remigio with 4 pts. each. Defensive player was Mia Luteria.

The Eagles lost a hard fought game to the Cardinals. The Eagles were led by Melissa Phelans (10 pts.). Ashley Lirakis, Kristin Napolitano and Robin Wyatt pitched in with two points each. Tracy Capadano, Kate Rose, Colleen Farley, Shannon OiNeil, and Lauren Tozlowski played great defense.

Tar Heels 34 vs. Wolverines 16

It was a slow staring game, but the Tar Heels pulled off a win. Leading scorers for the Tar Heels were Erica Matranga with 12 pts. and Courtney Spencer with 10 pts. Good defense by Kaitlyn Stokes.

High scorers for the Wolverines were Christina Costello with 6 pts. Amanda Bradley and Heidi Dotson with 4 pts. each. Defensive player of the game for the Wolverines was Heidi Dotson.

Cougars 16 vs. Huskies 6

The Cougars beat the Huskies led by Carly Martel, Taylor Hachey, Kelsey Moran. and Heather Morrell each with 4 points. Great defense by Kristen Hachey, Tracey Powers, Heather Morrell and Julie McNulty.

Huskies hustled hard throughout the game, but had a hard time scoring. Krystina Blaney led the Huskies scoring with 4 points. Defenseive standouts were Alyssa Galvao and Karla Rotundi.

Action from Dec 12
Crusaders 39 vs. Cougars 14

High scorers for the Crusaders were Amanda Barnes with 12 points and Jillian Elwell scoring 11 points.

Scoring for the Cougars were Heather Morrell and Kristen Hachey with 4 points each, and scoring 2 points each were: Tracey Powers, Carley Martel, and Julie McNulty.

Wolverines 21, Eagles 8

High scorer for the Eagles was Melissa Phelan with 4 points. Colleen Farley and Ashley Lirakis each scored 2 points.

Christina Costello was the high scorer for the Wolverines with 11 points. Kendra Hamilton scored 4 points, and scoring 2 points each were: Amanda Bradley, Amanda Hutchins, and Alicia Bumann.

Tar Heels 16 vs. Falcons 8

High scorers for the Tar Heels were Spencer OiConnor with 6 points and Leanne Belmonte scoring 4 points.

Shannon Leighton was the high scorer for the Falcons with 4 points.

Jayhawks 30, Terriers 18

High scorers for the Terriers were: Maggie Joyce (6 pts.), Jordan Russell (4 pts.), Brittany Lefebrve (4 pts.), Amanda Ducharme (2 pts.) and Amanda Levesque (2 pts.). Defensive player of the game was Amanda Stone. Offensive player was Maggie Joyce. Good job by all. Keep up the effort.

High scorer for the Jayhawks was Sheran Elliot with 16 points.

Cardinals 24 vs. Huskies 6

Another solid team effort helped the Cardinals win their second straight game. Jen Carr led all scorers with eight points and several rebounds. Shelagh Sullivanís aggressive defense kept the Huskies from mounting a comeback. High scorers for the Cardinals were Jen Carr (8 pts.) and Mia Luteria and Courtney Richard with 4 pts. each. Defensive player was Shelagh Sullivan.

Huskies still missing an offensive touch. Courtney Johnson-Nolan, Krystina Blaney and Jennifer Fortier each had one basket. Defensive standouts for the Huskies were Alyssa Galvao and Brittany Hartman.

Fifth grade hoop team continues hot streak

The Tewksbury 5th Grade Boys Travel Team continued their winning ways with huge wins over both Wilmington and Salem over the weekend.

The Wilmington game was back and forth for a while until Tewksbury got their pressing game in gear and played tough defense to overcome the Wildcats by a score of 48-29 for the 3rd time in as many meetings this year. The Redmen offense was sparked by Justin Berquist with 15 points, while Samir Shah added 10 and Brian Morrison kicked in 8.

Total team effort included the defense of Patrick Devlin, who frustrated Wilmington all game long with numerous steals, Corey Ryser, Vinny DePierro, and Tommy Joyce. Mike Ferriero stepped in to play the forward position and was a force on the boards, as well as Eric Medina and Travis Ianetta. Justin Torname was all over the floor with his usual tough defense and play-making.

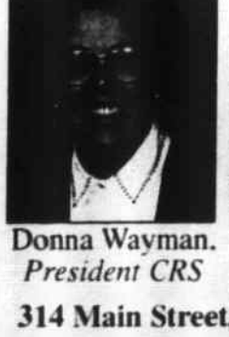
The Salem game was a challenge for Tewksbury, playing without key players Scott Darby and Tommy Joyce. The rest of the team rose to the challenge in a big way and came out on top by a score of 67-41. Leading the scoring for Tewksbury were Justin Torname and Patrick Devlin with 11 points apiece. Eric Medina added 7 and Travis Ianetta bagged 5 along with some key rebounds. The boards were cleaned by Justin Berquist, along with some key put-backs, Vinny DePierro, and Samir Shah. Brian Morrison, Mike Ferriero, and Corey Ryser stopped Salem with their defense, while all three added some offense as well.

The Town Crier
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MOVIE TRIVIA WINNERS

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION
For which of the following films did Helen Hunt win both an Academy Award® and a Golden Globe®?
❑ A: Mr. Saturday Night ☑ B: As Good as it Gets
❑ C: Twister

And the winners are...
(The envelope please...)
• Kristen Joyce of 11 Geiger Dr., Tewksbury
• Priscilla Marshall of 15 Marcia Rd., Wilmington
• Gary Clark of 16 Tomahawk Dr., Tewksbury
• Theresa Cooper of 120 Starr St., Tewskbury
• Roberta Allard of 33 Clark St., Wilmington
Tickets must be picked up within 30 days
Winners must show ID

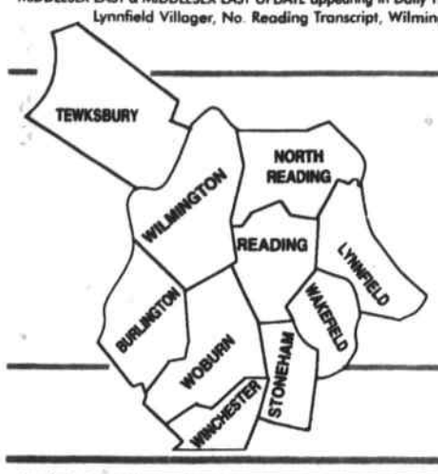
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Badge Program
(recommended for ages 5 and up)
Starting Wednesday Nov. 29th
thru Feb. 28th, 5:20 to 6:10 p.m.
Sessions also held on Fridays starting
Dec. 8th thru March 9th, 5:20 to 6:10 p.m.
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LOCAL SWAT TEAM MEMBERS went to Florida on a SWAT Round-Up to take part in competition against other SWAT teams. They finished 51st out of 83 teams. The group included (left to right) Sgt. George Thistle, Wakefield PD, Patrolman Harry Sawyer, Burlington PD, Patrolman Charles Ferguson, Burlington PD, Patrolman Tony Morlani, North Reading PD, and Sgt. Tim Sheehan, Tewksbury PD.

(Photo by Don Young)

SWAT ROUND-UP

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Competition is only one of the reasons six area police officers traveled to Florida for the Annual International SWAT Round-Up held at the Orange County Sheriff's Office Range in Orlando.

Counting chads and visiting Disney World were not the other reasons.

"Ideally the goal is not to win the competitions," said team leader Sergeant George Thistle of the Wakefield Police Department, "but to use this as a learning situation."

All of that said and done the local representatives came in 51 of 83 teams and beat out two other Massachusetts teams - the Middlesex Massachusetts Sheriff's Office (73) and the Northeast Merrimack Valley Special Operations Unit (80).

Tewksbury Sergeant Timothy Sheehan, also a member of the Northeast Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Special Operations Unit (SOU), said, "The classes (held daily before the competitions) provide some of the better instructors from around the country. This is an opportunity to get some good training."

However, both Sheehan and Thistle note that the NEMLEC

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Army life is GREAT, where else can you sleep 'till four o'clock and get PAID for it?'

I remember when Miss Sullivan my high school teacher retired after over thirty years of teaching. At the retirement party I asked her, "Miss Sullivan what was the most important reason for your long career?" "Well Chipper," she said, "there were really three, June, July and August."

Folks here are some stock market tips for free, Get in on the Ground Floor, Otis Elevator

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CHRISTMAS
by Anthony Manconi

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Joseph thanked him then slowly turned
and with Mary walked in the barn's dim light
As cows and lambs all soon learned
A Savior would be born that night.

This happened oh, so long ago
As Wisemen traveled night and day
To bring their gifts so all would know
To come and kneel, adore and pray.

What will your Christmas answer be?
"I have no room, as you can see",
Or will you say, on bended knee
"Oh Infant Jesus, Abide In Me."

About The Towns by Phyllis Nissen

A time for humanitarians and heroes

Good 'Fellow' in Winchester

"Maria Montouri Pacific, president of the Winchester Rotary Club, presented William F. Danahy with the Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of his substantial contributions to humanitarian and educational programs," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The Paul Harris Fellow Award is named after Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, who started Rotary International with three business associates to promote goodwill, peace and understanding. Locally, the Paul Harris Fellow is awarded to a special individual whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of Rotary.

"The Winchester Rotary Club with committed members like William Danahy, collects monies through various fund raising events which are then contributed to local charities in Winchester and surrounding communities.

"Family, fellow employees of Winchester Savings Bank and members of the Winchester Rotary Club congratulated Danahy as he accepted the Paul Harris Fellow Award."

Good woman in Reading

"Every year when the holidays approach, many people begin to think how they can help others," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Some donate clothes, some donate food, while many make a monetary donation.

"Reading resident Susan Doucette had those same thoughts, but decided to help out in a different way. She has created a new organization dedicated to helping local homeless people, called Help Homeless People, Inc.

"'I started it in August, and then incorporated it in October,' said Doucette, who grew up in Wakefield and whose mother grew up on Libby Avenue in Reading. 'I want this to be a charity that works. I've always been involved in social causes. I hate the fact that there are homeless.'

"Help Homeless People, Inc., works by holding benefit dances and parties at local facilities, with all proceeds (after operating costs are covered) going to homeless shelters throughout Boston which provide beds and services for homeless people.

"I am concentrating on Boston shelters right now, because that's where the homeless go, even those that come from the suburbs,' said Doucette.

"Her first benefit was a brunch held at the Lord Wakefield Hotel, which raised $1,034 for four Boston shelters - Rosie's Place, the Pine Street Inn, Bridge over Troubled Waters, Inc., and the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Her second benefit, an Irish Night at the West Side Social Club, didn't fare as well, largely, she believes, on a late start publicizing the event and poor timing (the event was held on Friday, October 27, a night when many people were attending Halloween parties).

"The third event was a Baby Boomer's Reunion Party.... Susan is also planning a benefit that will likely take place at the Reading VFW Hall in either January or February. She has chosen these four shelters: New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, St. Francis House, Boston Family Shelter, and the Crossroads Family Shelter, because she believes in what they are doing.

"If you would like to attend a benefit, make a donation, or are simply looking for more information, write to Susan Doucette at: Susan Doucette, Help Homeless People, Inc., PO Box 144, Reading, MA 01867 or call her at 781-942-5860. Make checks payable to Help Homeless People."

A bit of Easter at Christmas

"The next time you click that mouse on your computer, take a moment to remember four-year-old Cosette Churchwell," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"Cosette, a Pepperell girl whose grandmother, Sandy Murphy, is the director of the Chamber of Commerce here in Wilmington, has been paralyzed from the neck down since an automobile accident that took place just about a year ago on December 12, 1999.

"On November 3, Cosette was honored with the Richard A. LaPierre Award by the Easter Seals of Massachusetts, a non-profit organization that strives to enrich the lives of disabled individuals. The presentation took place at the Hilton Hotel in Dedham.

"The LaPierre Award is bestowed upon a disabled child who has demonstrated extraordinary courage and a pioneering spirit in overcoming limitations and trying new things.

"This is where the reminder about your computer mouse comes in. Last summer the Easter Seals gave Cosette a new computer as a gift. Assistive Technology Specialist Kristi Voelkerding fitted Cosette for a quad joystick that would enable her to use the computer to do the things that we do without even thinking. By using the joystick with her mouth, Cosette is able to use her tongue to move the cursor around on the computer screen. And how does she click on an icon to, say, play a game? No problem. She 'kisses' the joystick by puffing into it.

"'Cosette has done something that we don't know that any other child has done,' marvels Easter Seals Vice President Nancy Anderson. 'She controls the mouse with absolute precision. Since she was so young before she got into the accident, she can now do things that she couldn't even do before.'

"Anderson says that Cosette has done exactly what the folks at Easter Seals hope that a child would be able to do.

"'We consider her a real pioneer,' says Anderson, echoing the sentiments embodied by Cosette's LaPierre Award. 'Her new computer is her paper and pencil, her paint brush, her musical instrument. She has completely integrated with a computer....'

CORRECTION

Last week's lead story about the O'Neil quadruplets failed to contain the name of staff feature writer Debbie Hartman McCulley.

The byline should have appeared at the start of the story which was about a Reading couple welcoming four precious children into the world at one time.

We are sure Debbie will give us an update at a later time about how they are progressing.

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From S-1

is going UP. Buy 7-UP it's going to 8. Designer Jeans are going to SPLIT, Potato Chips is a wise Investment. Mack Trucks are GOOD for the LONG Haul. Rabbit Farm stocks are sure to Multiply and if you are still with me? Fireworks company stocks will skyrocket by the 4th of July.

It takes four years of intensive training to become a medical doctor, three years of hitting the books, Lab study and Hospital rounds and one year of watching medical break through specials on television.

I think a Fence Company is on strike. I saw PICKETS all around the place this morning.

The glue company employees' union slogan is, "Remember We must all STICK together!"

Well, at last Blackie Vega has a job where he can make both ends meet. He is a detective in a sausage factory, looking for the Missing Links."

Hey! These Chips must be good, Paul Harvey uses them and stand up comedians borrow them so what-does Macy tell Gimbal? Tony Stack told me, that he never used aspirins until he started reading Woodchips.

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Matt Mayo, David Devereaux, Mike Festa, Carol Donovan and Matt Gallagher all of **STONEHAM**.

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Melinda Baker, Karen Cataldo, Kevin Chambers, Marc Krzywicki and Andrew MacKenzie all of **TEWKSBURY**.

Natalie Timson, Dorothy Clarkson, Mark Newton, Gregory Alexander and Jamine Goldthwait all of **LYNNFIELD**.

Shaleighne Collins, Jacqui Frithsen, Andrew Giannattasio, Jenn Kern, Linda Ventullo and Jaclyn Wetherbee all of **NORTH READING**.

DREAMBOATS Rosemary Curran of **WOBURN**, Pam MacKill of **WINCHESTER**, Jane Boivin of **BURLINGTON**, Susan Ferguson of **READING**, Katie Brenna of **WAKEFIELD**, Patricia Millward of **WILMINGTON**, Lindsay Magee of **TEWKSBURY**, Emily Chen of **STONEHAM**, Joyce Mastrogiovanni of **LYNNFIELD** and Maria Lisa Marciano of **NORTH READING**.

SUPERSTARS Michael Curran and Paul Simon of **WINCHESTER**, George and Mary Poole of **WOBURN**, Coach Shawn Maguire of **BURLINGTON**, Steve Pizzotti of **READING**, Mel Letzring of **WAKEFIELD**, Cosette Churchwell of **WILMINGTO**n, Jeffrey Lyons and Patti Lane of **TEWKSBURY**, Atty, Charles Houghton of **STONEHAM**, Linda Nacarra of **LYNNFIELD** and Clara Chen of **NORTH READING**.

Folks, many of you perhaps know the story of the young man who on his 21st birthday told his father that he had some important news for him. The father, anticipated the long overdue, "helping hand," speech after many years of sacrifice to feed, clothe and educate his son. "Dad," the young man said, "you have worked long and hard for me but, now that I'm 21, you can go out and work for yourself."

A motorcycle office stopped a priest for speeding. "OK Father," the officer said, "where's the Bingo Game?"

The great Bard Shakespeare married an Avon Lady.

I guess I'll never get back the 40 dollars my cousin Angelo borrowed from me, he just got a job in a bakery as a Pretzel Bender." He had promised to pay me back when he Straightened out."

I invited my boss, Neil Collins to my house for dinner. I told Kathy to pick up a shovel and dust.

A police officer was dispatched to investigate a woman's complaint that she could see her neighbor walking in his apartment naked. After looking out each of the windows, the officer exclaimed, "how in the world can you see anyone from this distance, the house you're complaining about is so far away, no one could be seen from that distance." "Is that so?" she snapped back. "Well, you just jump up onto this kitchen chair and here, look through these binoculars!"

My Aunt Nora thinks this column is Nutty but I love her just the same. I saw her sitting alone in her garden last summer so I asked her if I could join her? "Good grief," she shouted," am I coming apart?"

Folks, if we forgive someone and then tell everyone and his brother that we forgave, did we really forgive?

A chicken farmer was found dead one morning in one of his hen houses. The police investigated and suspected "Fowl Play."

I was looking over one of Peter McCauley and Fred Nazzaro's books of Revere Beaches' heyday. It brought back many pleasant memories and some that I would like to forget - like that's where I first met Kathy. I was at the Tunnel of Love, where she told me to wait outside. The trick mirrors should have warned me what both of us would look like today.

Middlesex East Sports Athletes & Activities

BY PAUL FEELY

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION**: Who was an NFL coach for forty seasons? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•**WINCHESTER'S ALISON LINDMARK** is a member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Division 2 New England team, after leading the Stonehill College Lady Chieftains soccer team this past season with 10 goals and seven assists.

•**NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL** will once again play host for the annual Girl's Basketball Holiday Tournament featuring Varsity teams from Reading, Austin Prep, North Reading and Saugus. The semifinals, featuring games between Austin Prep and Saugus, and Reading vs. North Reading, take place on Friday, December 29, with games at 6 and 7:30 pm. The Finals will be Saturday, December 30, featuring a consolation game and championship game, at the same times listed above. The cost is $5 per person.

•**READING'S MATT TREPANEY** is a freshman at New England College and a member of the Men's Ice Hockey team. Trepaney is a defenseman for the Pilgrims, who have a record of 4-5-0 thus far.

•**READING'S GREG O'LEARY**, a sophomore forward on the Trinity College men's ice hockey team, scored a goal and two assists in a recent 5-0 shutout win by the team over St. Anselm.

•The Boston Sports Club at the Colonial is offering group Swim Lessons for children ages six months to 14 years and of all abilities. The next seven week session of swim lessons will begin January 8. registration for members and non-members is now underway. Classes are offered four mornings and five afternoons a week. Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the club at 781-246-7500 and ask for Patti. Adult swim lessons begin the same week, and run for four weeks.

•Need some clues to help out with the above-mentioned trivia question? The coach's name was George.

•The **ALPENHOF SKI CLUB** invites new members to apply for membership. Membership is open to skiing youth in Stoneham and the surrounding towns. In order to join, you must be present with a parent at this meeting. Your parent must sign your membership application and supply your health insurance number for emergency use. Your parent must sign your membership application and supply your health insurance number for emergency use. Membership in the club is open to anyone in grades 7 through 12 in any local school. Stoneham, Melrose, Reading and Wakefield are a few of the towns represented in the club. The club is open to skiers only, and snow boarders are not allowed to participate in club activities.

•Nominations are now being accepted until December 31 for athletes to be inducted into the Winchester Hall of Fame. To be nominated, candidates must have been graduated for at least 10 years and receive the support, in writing, of five former or current residents of Winchester. Packaged nominations should be sent to Whitney Gay, 5 North Gateway, Winchester, 01890. Call 781-729-1319 for more information.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** George Halas was an NFL coach for 40 years.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports. P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

Winter/Spring classes listed at Creative Arts

There is no getting around it...winter is here to stay for a while! So what can you do to make the cold, wet weather pass more quickly? Take a class at Creative Arts! Registrations are now being accepted for the Winter/Spring session which begins the week of February 5.

Creative Arts offers a variety of art, music, and theatre classes for both children and adults. You're never too old or young to start! Two and three year olds can begin exploring different art materials and methods with **Foundations, Art Start,** or **Building Blocks.** In these classes children will work with their caregivers and the instructor to paint, make collages, use clay, paper, recycled materials, and more! If you want to introduce your young child to music, Creative Arts offers two early childhood music programs. Both **Music, Movement, and Imagination** and **Musikgarten** provide a broad range of musical experiences involving parents in the learning process,m and are a preliminary step for children beginning lessons on an instrument.

Need a last minute Holiday gift idea? Enroll your child in a class! Four and six year olds, try **Drawing & Painting, Clay Builders,** or **Sculptural Creations!** Or, if there is a little actor in your family, five to nine year olds can register for either **Beginning Acting** or **Creative Kids.**

Children ages nine to 12 are able to explore things further in classes like **Draw, Paint, Sculpt, Comics, Flicks, and Animation, Independent Study,** and **Clay Constructions.** 10-14 year olds interested in theatre can sign up for **Performance Workshop** which will enable them to explore character choices and traits, story plots, and themes while working on scripted material.

Adults can develop basic drawing skills and acquire knowledge of line, form, texture, value, color, and theory in **Adult Drawing.** Creative Arts also offers **Watercolors, Clay Creations** for adults. **Independent Study** is available for those who already have an art background and want to focus in on one particular aspect of art.

There are currently slots available for private music instruction for children and adults in both Suzuki and traditional **piano and violin,** traditional **brass, cello, guitar, harp and voice.**

For more information on any of these classes or others offered at Creative Arts, call 781-942-9600. Brochures are available upon request.

Creative Arts, a non-profit, community school of the arts, is a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. It is supported, in part, by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Reading Cultural Council, and by many generous corporations, foundations, and individuals.

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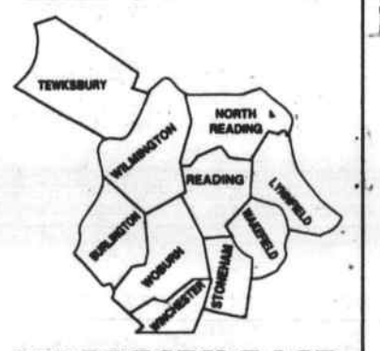
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Calendar of Events

A Listing of Interesting Events and Happenings

LIFELINE OFFERS A HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Winchester Hospital's Lifeline Program is offering free installation of Lifeline throughout the month of December.

Lifeline is a personal response system and is there for you when others cannot be, providing the peace of mind you and your loved ones deserve. Lifeline enables the subscriber to live independently at his or her home.

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For more information about Lifeline service, or to become a subscriber, contact Joanne Artiano at 781-756-4752.

THE STOP SMOKING WORKSHOP SERIES

Winchester Hospital offers a Stop Smoking Workshop Series Tuesday and Thursday evenings from January 2 through February 6 at Baldwin Park I, Suite 207, 12 Alfred Street, Woburn.

Unlimited ongoing support is also available.

For registration or more information call the Community Health Institute at 781-756-4700.

BADGE DAYS FOR JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield is offering two badge days for Junior Girl Scouts at the Sanctuary on Saturdays, January 6 and 20. Two sessions are offered each time, 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm.

Come learn abut winter fun and safety, explore a variety of winter habitats, and earn the Frosty Fun Badge. Scouts should bring a hot drink in a thermos and a nutritious snack. Weather permitting, we will learn to use snowshoes. Advance registration is required. Each session is limited to 30 scouts and the fee is $8 per scout which includes the cost of the badge. For more information or to register call the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary at 978-887-9264.

REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico, and the former Soviet Union countries, with local program support.

Local Representatives plan an annual student orientation, meet with the local high schools, provide support counseling for participants, screen potential host families, and meet with the exchange students on a monthly basis. Representatives also attend an annual training workshop and report to the regional coordinator. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering new international friendships, be community minded, and enjoy working with teenagers and adults. Local Representatives spend an average of 2 to 4 hours a month with the exchange students, and time and expenses are reimbursed by the organization.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the World Heritage International Student Exchange Program or would like to find out wheat other opportunities are available, please contact Pam Beubauer at 315-637-2371 or at 1-800-785-9040.

ACTORS STUDIO 1 WEEK PLAY

The Actors Studio is offering a 1 week Christmas vacation play "The Magic Well". It will begin Tuesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 30.

Call Susan with any questions at 978-664-1425 and the address is 246 Main Street, #8, North Reading.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILD CARE

AurAupair, a non-profit Intercultural Child Care Program is seeking local volunteers to help promote and administer their well-respected program. Volunteers will utilize their time and skills to provide au pairs from France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Scandinavia, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Finland, Estonia, South Africa, Japan, and Australia with local program support.

Local volunteers interview potential host families, plan orientations for host families and au pairs, meet with au pairs once a month, organize two cultural events, and provide support for participants throughout the program year. Volunteers also attend an annual training workshop and report to the Area Coordinator. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering cultural understanding, be community minded, and enjoy working with your adults and families.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the AurAupair Intercultural Child Care Program or would like to find out about other opportunities that are available, please contact Claudia Walter at 860-429-5484 or 1-800-901-2002 or on e-mail at eduraupaireast@aurau-pair.com or internet at www.EurAupair.com.

FREE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

The Massachusetts Environmental Police Hunter Education Bureau is conducting a basic hunter education course at the Danvers Fish and Game Club, Log Bridge Road, off Route 114, in Middleton on January 6, 13 and 20 from 8 am to 12:30 pm.

Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card.

Students must attend every session. Adults, as well as younger man and women, are encouraged to attend. A Mass. Hunter Education Certificate is provided to course graduates 15 years or older. Students, ages 10 - 14, may participate and receive a "Letter of Completion" to meet out-of-state licensing requirements. Parent permission is required of all students under 18 years of age.

Each year volunteer instructors and Massachusetts Environmental Police Officers hold over 100 hunter education courses throughout the state. The certificate of completion allows young men and women between 15 and 17 years old to hunt alone on their first Mass. hunting license. This certificate is also necessary for either adults or minors to purchase a hunting license in all U.S. States, Canada and Mexico.

For additional information on courses, write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster MA 01473-04408 or call the bureau office at 508-792-7434.

UNITED FLY TYERS MEET JANUARY 4

BURLINGTON - The United Fly Tyers will hold their next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Burlington K of C, Lexington St., Burlington.

Class levels for "never-tied-a-fly before" through "advanced" will be held with specialty classes for salt water salmon and streamer flys.

The speakers for the evening will be Glen Mikkleson and Joe Blados who will talk about fly fishing for Stripers and Blues on Long Island.

Admission is $10 for non-members and $5 for members. Young tyers, 15 and under, are always free.

(For additional information call (781) 272-4142.)

POOL PARTY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

Boston Billiard Club could be the place to ring in the New Year with a Pool Party Package sure to get your mind off the cold temperatures and on a hot night of fun! One price gets you four hours of pool, dancing, appetizers, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight.

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Reservations are still available, but they are going quickly. Boston Billiard Club is the only place for your New Year's Eve celebration. Call for more information at 617-536-POOL.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD MEETS IN TEWKSBURY

The Embroiderers' Guild of American, Inc., is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Meetings of the Merrimack Valley Chapter are held at 7 pm on the third Tuesday evening of the months of September through May, at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East Streets, in Tewksbury.

For more information about the workshops, call Pat Timpanaro at 781-665-4118 or for more information about joining the Merrimack Valley Chapter and participating in its educational activities, call Rosemary Carter at 781-893-0959.

FOREVER PLAID COMING TO WALTHAM

The Reagle Players announce the opening of "Forever Plaid" on January 26. This sparkling family musical production has been called sheer musical bliss by the Los Angeles Times. Local papers called "Forever Plain" sensational. The musical is beep-beep, do-wap doodlie/doodlie wonderful!

Original cast member Guy Stroman will join the Reagle Players as guest director for this production. Performances will be Friday, January 26 at 8 pm, Saturday, January 27 at 2 pm and 8 pm and Sunday, January 28 at 2 pm.

Tickets are $26 for adults and $17 for children. All performances will be held at the Robinson Theatre, 617 Lexington Street in Waltham.

There will be reserved seating, Visa?Mastercard will be accepted, there is plenty of free parking and it is wheelchair accessible.

HEARTS IN BLOOM CAMPAIGN

The American Heart Association is looking for volunteer company coordinators to participate in this popular, work-site flower-selling campaign. This campaign is fun and easy and raises money to support lifesaving heart and stroke research.

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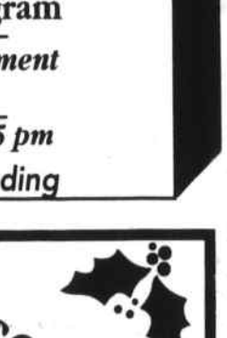
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Health & Medicine

CHECK M.E. OUT

Families of Alcoholics face the holidays

For most folks, holidays are full of love, peace, sharing, worship, family gatherings, special dinners, gifts and more. Sadly, in some homes there is often too much holiday celebration. Along with the fun and festivities, family members and friends of alcoholics often experience hopelessness, despair, and even loneliness. Fights or ugly scenes create unhappy memories. Instead of joy and laughter, shame, frustration, and powerlessness are familiar feelings in an alcoholic home.

Help is available. Al-Anon gives the friends and families of alcoholics the gift of hope.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anons believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery whether the alcoholic is drinking or not.

Folks who arrive at an al-anon meeting will be greeted by someone who has been there, done that. In fact, the suggested welcome reads, in part, "We who live, or have lived, with the problem of alcoholism, understand and perhaps few others can. We, too, were lonely and frustrated.

Problems do not disappear, but tools - in the form of meetings, literature, slogans, support and more - are available to help cope with life's problems. Al-Anons can create a new set of positive holiday experiences based on responses, not reactions. Many report that it is even possible to enjoy a moment of peace and serenity, despite stressful circumstances.

Here are just three of the scores of meetings available in the Merrimack Valley area:

AL-ANON 12-STEP MEETING; an anonymous fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by another person's drinking. Explores the 12 Steps and Traditions of AA and Al-Alon. Meets 52 Mondays a year from 10:30 am to noon at St. William's Church on Route 38 in Tewksbury - enter side door to basement. No dues, fees or obligations. Literature available. Call 978-256-9391 in Chelmsford for details.

AL-ANON OPEN MEETING: An anonymous fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by another person's drinking. Follows the 12 Steps and Traditions of AA and Al-Anon. Meets 52 Fridays a year from 10:30 am to noon at St. Anne's Church on King Street (Route 110) in Littleton - enter rear door to basement. No dues, fees or obligations. Literature available. Call 978-256-9391 in Chelmsford for details.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS MEETING: An anonymous fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by another person's drinking. Based on the 12 Steps and Traditions of AA and Al-Anon. Meets 52 Sundays a year from 10 to 11:30 am at Emerson Hospital Health Center, 133 Littleton Road (Route 110), Conference Room B, Westford. No dues, fees or obligations. Free Babysitting. Literature available. Call 978-256-9391 (Chelmsford) for details.

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Children who stutter have concerns

Stuttering is a frustration and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary school-age stutterers.

Now some new help is available for parents, teachers, and the speech-language pathologists at the Melrose Free Public Library in the form of a videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter.

"It's meant to give speech-language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stuttering in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation of America.

The video features students from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering.

The 38-minute video, entitled Therapy in Action: the School-age Child Who Stutters, is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about obtaining a copy, contact the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, or call toll free at 1-800-992-9392.

School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

Seasonal greetings, glad tidings

Santa needed in Burlington

"In presenting an update on his building to the School Committee recently, Fox Hill Principal Richard Benowitz said the need to decrease class sizes at the elementary level may become more urgent as time passes," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"'Our first priority is to build an effective way to improve instructions,' said Benowitz. 'I would suggest a decrease in class sizes in the early grades and suggest instructional assistants in all the first grades.'

"That would help 'in terms of instructional groups,' said Benowitz, adding that 'special education laws are becoming more restrictive.' That could also affect instruction, he said.

"'So if we're serious about improving instruction, that would be our number one priority (reduction in class sizes and instructional aides).'

"Another priority should be teachers' supplies, because with regard to today's curriculum, Benowitz believes they are in short supply.

"'Teachers are challenged to find materials to align to the curriculum frameworks,' said Benowitz. 'The bottom line is we have to purchase new materials to keep up with the challenges of aligning the curriculum....'"

Wish list in Woburn

"After lengthy discussion, the City Council's Finance Committee gave favorable recommendations to appropriations for the School Department, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Both the school and police items drew lengthy discussion, while the DPW item, a transfer of insurance reimbursement money from the general fund to a DPW account, related to an accident DPW Supt. Fred Russell reportedly had in a city truck earlier this year, was a formality quickly approved.

"The school matter was a request for an appropriation of $113,000, state money that became available in the final state budget.

"School Supt. Dr. Carl Batchelder said that due to the timing the Legislature set it up so that the additional funds go back to the general fund, but clearly indicated its will was that the funds go toward education.

"The vote of the City Council is required to make that happen.

"The School Committee voted to request the funds, as is required, and approved a spending plan of $7,000 for instrumental lessons/instruments; $4,075 for middle school alternative classroom supplies and equipment (in anticipation of hiring staff next year); $6,000 for library books; $6,000 for desks and chairs; $40,000 for professional development (which the school department is required to pay for but cut back on significantly when the budget was passed); $50,000 to offset the anticipated cost of a portable classroom for a White School library, estimated at $130,000.

"Batchelder appeared before the Finance Committee to request the funds, noting, 'It turns out we have a number of fairly huge expenses we didn't have in May (when the original budget was set).'

"He cited particularly the Shamrock School and the White School, where officials had hoped to replace the portable for much less.

"Ward 3 Alderman Scott Galvin, however, noted the school budget 'went up $2.5 million last year,' and wondered whether the request would have been higher.

"'To me, it seems like we already have given the schools a sufficient amount of funds...and the Legislature is just paying us back for our generosity,' Galvin said.

"'That's a way of looking at it,' said Mayor Robert Dever, 'but it is Chapter 70 money and there are needs....'"

A rebirth in Winchester

"When the school year began, it not only marked the rebirth of the McCall Middle School following a two-year, nearly $18 million renovation and expansion, but it also meant the reopening of a rejuvenated Youth Center," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Located at the McCall, the Youth Center is a program developed by the Recreation Department to offer a safe, fun place for kids. For eleven years, the Youth Center has provided a convenient place where students can comfortably spend their time after school.

"Yet, during the two-years of renovation at McCall, not only were middle school students displaced, but the Youth Center was also 'without a home,' according to Rebecca Levine, director of Youth Center.

"The school's three grade levels (sixth, seventh and eighth) were each sent to a different location, so-called swing space, for the duration of the construction project. The town used the vacant Mystic School, the Parkhurst and available space at the high school for the students.

"That effectively divided the Youth Center into, as Levine said, 'two makeshift rooms,' one room each for the sixth and seventh graders.

"One of the most important functions for the Youth Center is to provide a place for kids to hang out, but over the past two years, the Youth Center had difficulty fulfilling that role.

"Although, according to peer leader Alysson Nolan, during that period, 'there would be the hard-core five or six (kids) that would just always stay,' most students would not use the Youth Center.

"As Levine said, 'We had minimal space, (and) because we didn't have a lot of space we didn't have a lot of equipment for either (location). It was hard for the kids. There wasn't a lot to offer the kids.'

"Even though the Youth Center has continued to sponsor many events such as Rock for Youth, Fantastic Fun Friday, and Ageless Follies, student attendance was also low. As Levine said, 'Last year we had our Movie Madness marathon...and if that's the coolest thing you could possibly do as an eighth grader, then I don't know what is. And yet, nobody showed up.'

"Included as part of the budget for the renovation of McCall was the funding to create a new and improved Youth Center. With a spacious new area, equipment and furniture, the prospects for the Youth Center's future are promising...."

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Mary Jo Renaldi has been named Fund Raising Coordinator for the local communities. She lives in Reading and has enlisted the services of such groups as the Wakefield High Gymnastics Team and the Reading Memorial High National Honor Society to assist in the project.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

"Proof of Life"

BY PAUL FEELY

MOVIE: "PROOF OF LIFE"
GRADE: **

Review: The movie that helped end the marriage of Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid leaves a bit to be desired in the plot department.

Russell Crowe plays a man hired to rescue Meg Ryan's husband, who is a kidnap victim. During the many hours that Crowe's and Ryan's characters spend together, they begin to develop a relationship, even though they are working to rescue her husband.

The movie is much longer than it needs to be to tell the story, and Ryan's role isn't as meaty as it should be. Both actors try their best with what their given, but Crowe gives the better performance.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "UNBREAKABLE"
GRADE: ***

Review: Director M. Night Shaymalan, who brought us the surprise hit "The Sixth Sense", once again teams up with Bruce Willis to bring this tale of a seemingly indestructible man.

Willis plays David Dunn, the lone survivor of a terrible train wreck. He doesn't have a scratch on him, which leads Samuel L. Jackson's character, a very frail comic book collector, to believe that Dunn may be placed here on Earth to be a real-life super hero. Initially Dunn thinks he's crazy, but he begins to believe after he notices other strange powers he possesses.

The story is interesting enough, and Willis and Jackson both give strong performances. The best thing about "Sixth Sense" was the surprise ending, but this one's ending leaves much to be desired.

MOVIE: "RUGRATS IN PARIS"
GRADE: ***

Review: Those lovable munchkins are back, as they trek across the Atlantic in search of a Mom for Chuckie.

Tommy, Chuckie, Phil and Lil, and the rest of the gang are all back again, and the pals get together in the city of love to help Chuckie's dad find a significant other, thereby fulfilling Chuckie's one true wish But an evil woman, who needs a family to receive a promotion at work, decides to try and take advantage of the situation, so it's up to our half-pint heroes to save the day again.

The kids will love it, and there are enough inside jokes to keep adults laughing as well.

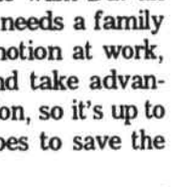
MOVIE: "THE SIXTH DAY"
GRADE: ***

Review: After several flops at the box office, Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in his best film in years in this tale of cloning gone bad.

"Ah-nold" plays the owner of an extreme tour company in the very near future, when cloning of dead pets is allowed, even profitable, but human cloning is outlawed.

The effects are good, the stunts are average, and the plot line is more interesting than most science fiction films that have come along lately.

Pets & People



by Ruth R. Eisele, DVM

KEEP PETS SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

While individuals are reminded of the dangers of drinking and driving during the holiday season, pet owners need to know the dangers facing their furry friends at this time of year

Holly and mistletoe plants are poisonous if eaten and the poinsettia's sap and leaves can cause severe stomach pains.

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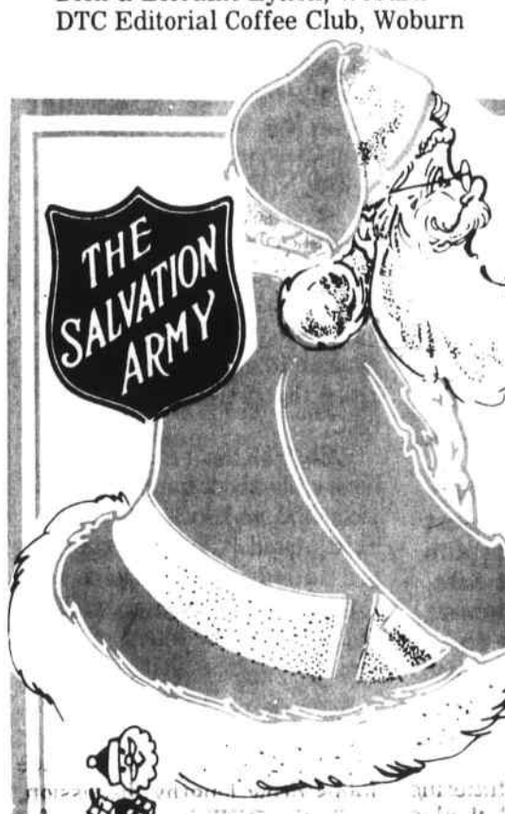
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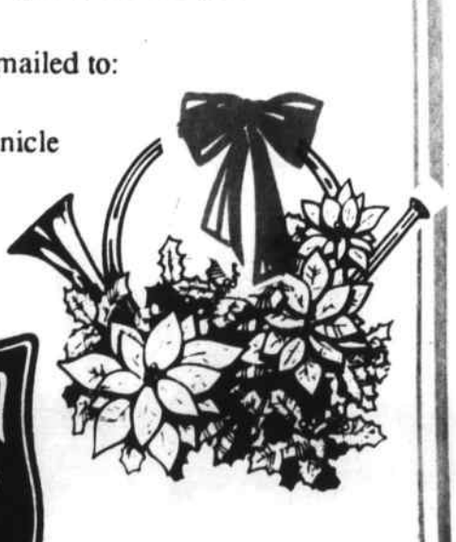
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A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

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SWAT Round-Up

From S-1

unit is ready for anything.

"We are going down with a really strong team," Sheehan said. "The guys are in great shape."

The team also includes: Sergeant Christopher Chronopolous of Tyngsboro; officers Harry Sawyer, and Charles Ferguson of Burlington; and Officer Tony Morlani of North Reading. They are being supported by Officer Charles DiChiara of Waltham and Officer Joseph Beaulieu of Lawrence.

"This is pretty much the same team I brought down last year," Thistle said. "It is the same team that has been instrumental in participating in the New England SWAT Challenge in years past.

That competition was a weekend long event held at Camp Curtis Guild before live firing was banned from the site.

The NEMLEC unit took first place in two out of three years and took second place to a team from Florida in the final year.

The team started competitions among themselves over six months ago to see who would be part of the competition team.

They prepare for the games by doing extra physical training to tire themselves out prior to shooting practice on six inch plates at a distance of 15 to 20 feet.

Thistle said, "The officers are required, on a daily basis, to conduct their own physical training, in anticipation of a spot round-up."

"They know the round-ups are gruelling," Thistle added. "If they are not in top shape they will not be able to succeed."

All of the officers will take part in the classroom training. However, during the competitions the teams will be made up of five people.

As if the exercises would not be difficult themselves, one includes crossing a river with alligators and water moccasins inhabiting it, they all include live fire and some are being held at night.

According to Thistle, officers with shotguns are on hand to protect any team member that comes into danger by the snakes or the 'gators.

The classes include the use of lethal and non-lethal weapons; legal ramifications of the work; strategy sessions; and case studies of operations from around the world that worked and even those that did not work.

"In the classrooms you hear a lot of thoughts," Thistle said.

He noted that the classroom situations usually consist of sharing case studies and devising plans that are then opened for discussion.

"A lot of the training is focused on the use of non-lethal weaponry."

All of the classrooms give the participating officer the benefit of the experience from other participants from around the world. In the past, teams from Germany, Hungary, Bosnia, Canada, England and Kuwait have participated.

All of the competition events involve a sniper/observer component from the team. In the first event, the teams must handle a hostage rescue situation.

As the sniper and observer look on the rest of the team must enter a building and negotiate with the hostage takers using a good cop/bad cop scenario.

The officers are graded heavily on the quality of the shots that are taken and on the time to complete the event.

On the second day, fully equipped, the officers must negotiate their way through a 12 foot window to gain entry to a repel tower. They must then climb the 80 foot tower and rig the lines so they can repel off of it to another window and negotiate their way out of the window while taking out the threat presented by enemy targets.

The third event is an officer rescue event. The team must cross the 48 foot wide reptile infested creek on pre-set lines. Once they have made it across, one of the officers will be designated as "down" and will not participate in the rest of the event.

The remaining team members must eliminate the threat while completing an obstacle course and then return and retrieve the downed officer. After the retrieval they must get the downed officer back to the beginning point on the other side of the creek.

One of the obstacles involves a simulated gas attack and therefore the competitors must be wearing gas masks during the event.

The fourth event is one that Thistle is looking forward to participating in. It is an individual event for the title Top SWAT Cop.

The event involves a "gruelling four mile obstacle course that involves hand-gun, shot-gun and automatic rifle shooting." A total of 58 officers take part in the event.

"In 1996 I took second place and was beat out by a Los Angeles officer by 1/10 of a second," Thistle said.

He described the officers from Los Angeles, California and those from Dallas, Texas as machines.

"If I'm physically capable at age 45," Thistle said, "I will try again. I'm probably one of the oldest competing this year."

Thistle and Sheehan are the senior officers on the team. Sheehan has been a member of the SOU for 10 to 11 years and Thistle has been a member for 15 years. The rest of the team averages about eight years with the Unit.

This will be a return year for Morlani, who has not been able to participate in the Florida contests for the past two years.

According to Thistle, "The stress level (of the training and the competition) are really high so that when we are in the real thing the officers will know what to expect."

The NEMLEC SOU has been in existence since 1984 and Thistle estimates they have seen action about 200 times. The Unit is called out in situations requiring their special talents and can respond to any one of 26 communities that participate in NEMLEC.

"Most of the responses have been calls about barricaded subjects and no-knock drug raids," Thistle said. "The only time we are called is when there is a threat of someone with a weapon with the intent of using it against another individual."

Because of their specialized training, the Unit has also been called out to protect both former President George Bush and President William Clinton during visits the two have made to this area.

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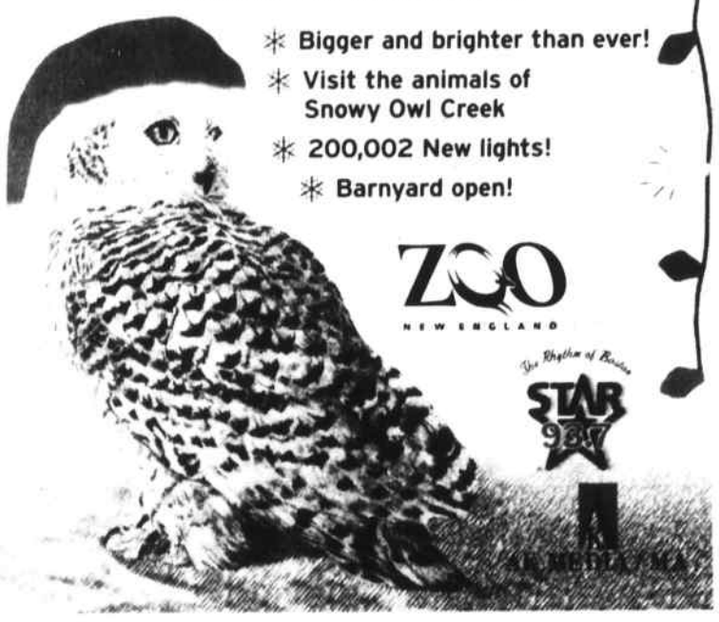
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65 **CROSS ST** purchased by Kimberly & Robert Grady from Dana Pedersen & Robert Weber for **$266,000**

63-65 **LOWELL ST** purchased by Helen Murphy & Francis Connors from Phillip & Urilla Cheveri for **$330,000.**

8 **PURITAN RD** purchased by Paul & Hope Wyss from Dorothy Anderson for **$310,000.**

- STONEHAM -

Median Price: $225,500

159 **CENTRAL ST** purchased by James & Heather Mclaughlin from Cheryl Whitican & Janice Theroux for **$240,000.**

14 **KENNETH TER** purchased by Anthony & Sharon Vecchiarello from Frank R Rosselli, Ex for Rosselli N John Est for **$349,900.**

68 **MAIN ST U:37C** purchased by Jonathan Kerble from Michael Watson for **$71,000.**

7-9 **MINOT ST** purchased by Tiphanie Le To & Van To from Mark & Patricia Smith for **$210,000.**

29 **MURDOCH ST** purchased by Christian & Tisha Scourletis from Conserva LLC for **$155,000.**

50 **NEWCOMB RD** purchased by Thomas & Karen Mcdowell from Joseph Danna & Francin Sicuelias for **$450,000.**

64 **NEWCOMB RD** purchased by Andrew Celentano from Thomas & Karen Mcdowell for **$390,000.**

210 **PARK ST** purchased by Joseph & Nancy Teneriello 3rd from Gilman & Yvonne Michaud for **$285,000.**

- TEWKSBURY -

Median Price: $202,600

35 **ANTHONY RD** purchased by Kevin Fuller from Frederick Doherty for **$230,000.**

112 **APACHE WAY U:112** purchased by Joseph & Marian Moniz from David & Jean Brennan for **$195,900.**

222 **APACHE WAY U:222** purchased by Karen Tamilio from Dorothy Chipman for **$195,000.**

213 **CARTER ST** purchased by Celeste Didio & Dean Baer from Stephen & Jeanne Geribo for **$245,000.**

14 **EASEMENT RD** purchased by Paul & Donna Hureau from Donald & Marilyn Rubino for **$190,000.**

EASTERN AVE purchased by Trull Brook Rlty LLC from Lowell Region Transit for **$800,000.**

10 **EDWARD ST** purchased by Douglas & Lauren Cunningham from Mark & Deborah Webb for **$250,000.**

91 **EMILY RD** purchased by Stephen & Holly Green from Jack Winitzer for **$210,000.**

50 **GREEN MEADOW DR** purchased by Douglas Scott from Edward & Charlene Lenzi for **$369,000.**

9 **HERITAGE DR U:9** purchased by Paul Picano from Roper Estates Inc for **$195,000.**

4 **HILLCREST RD** purchased by Debbe & Robert Silva from William & Jessica Scanlon 3rd for **$224,900.**

90 **JENNIES WAY** purchased by Mary & William Remillong from Patch Dev Corp for **$378,411.**

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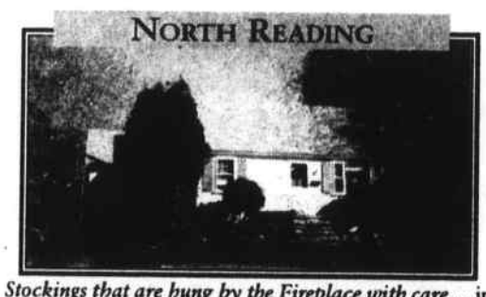


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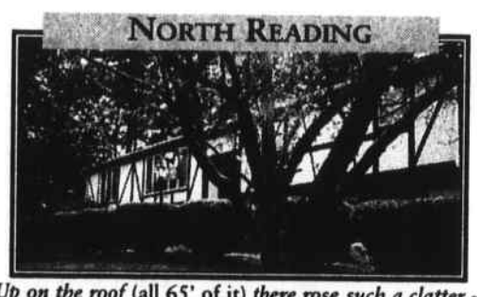
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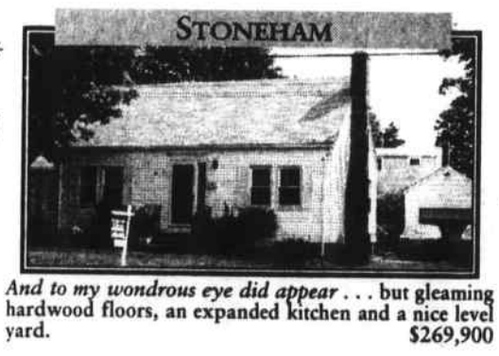
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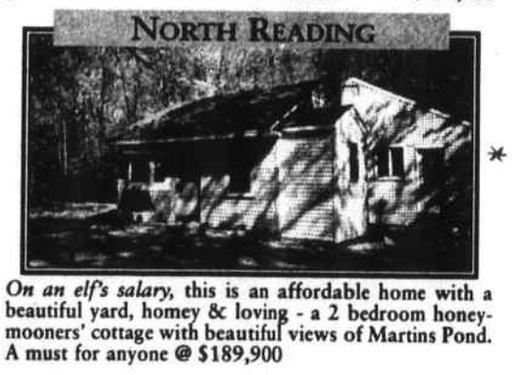
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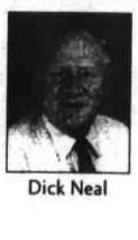
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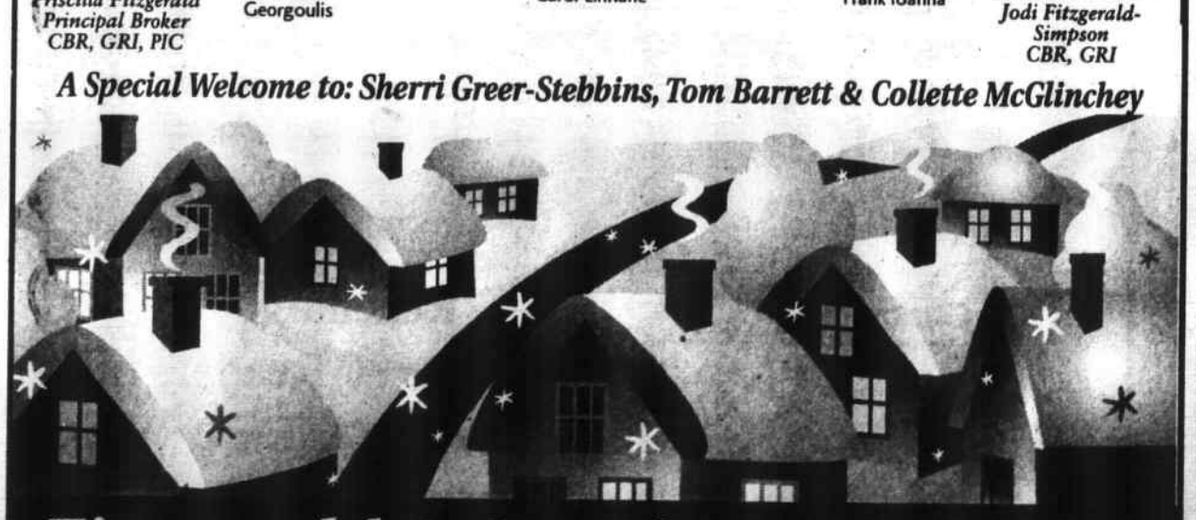


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- WAKEFIELD -

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77 **ALDRICH RD** purchased by Dana & Helen Bernabeo from Malvern Tasker Jr & Carol Anderson for **$251,000.**

10 **BAY ST** purchased by Michelle & Paul Dean from Edward & Christine Deao Jr for **$269,000.**

38 **BYRON ST** purchased by Paul & Patrice Geraci from Arlene Geraci for **$330,000.**

124 **HARRISON AVE** purchased by Dorothy & Joseph Drago from Thomas J. Marcone Jr, Tr for Bramac Dev T for **$429,900.**

9 **LINDEN AVE** purchased by Andrew & Jaymie Wolfe Jr from John N Galante, Tr for 9 Linden Ave RT for **$550,000.**

6 **MONTROSE AVE** purchased by Phillip & Eileen Benoit from Michael & Daniel Barrett for **$339,900.**

47 **OUTLOOK RD** purchased by William & Dana Nardone from James & Margaret Maguire for **$342,000.**

165 **PLEASANT ST** purchased by Archie & Kaitlin Davis from Andrew & Jaymie Wolfe Jr for **$299,900.**

- WILMINGTON -

Median Price: $239,900

121-A **ANDOVER ST** purchased by John & Felicia Barletta from Michael Tkachuk, Tr for 340 RT for **$329,900.**

22 **BEECHING AVE** purchased by Lisa Kennedy from Patricia M Garside, Ex for Kennedy Elisa Est for **$152,000.**

131 **CHURCH ST** purchased by Mark & Karen Ross from Steven R Kennedy, Tr for Kennedy FT for **$249,900.**

1 **CYPRESS ST** purchased by Alan & Suzanne Reid from Lucien & Barbara Belanger for **$241,500.**

11 **DORCHESTER ST** purchased by Heidi & Michele Reed from Judith & Michael Halley for **$285,000.**

61 **FOREST ST** purchased by Robert & Andrea Daley from Colleen Quan-chin for **$260,000.**

3 **LAWRENCE ST** purchased by Geraldine Maglio from Camello & Catherine Colombo for **$1,200**

71 **LOWELL ST** purchased by Richard & Anita Gottschalk from Michael V. Mccoy, Tr for Josie R for **232,500.**

4 **MARCIA RD** purchased by William & Deborah Brookings from William & Barbara Ann Brookings for **$195,000.**

108 **NICHOLS ST** purchased by Richard Molander from Brian & Deborah Shukis for **$165,000.**

3 **NORTH ST** purchased by Dong Tran & Yin Wan Tam Tran from William & Marilyn Mackinnon for **$284,900.**

12 **POWDER HOUSE CIR** purchased by Diane Cunha & Catherine Con from Thomas & Elizabeth Pagan for **$250,000.**

31 **SHADY LANE DR** purchased by William J. Wolfe, Tr for Silver RT from Elizabeth Kirby for **$179,900.**

11 **TOMAHAWK DR** purchased by Daniel & Brenda Mcconollogue from Robert & Karen Tamilio for **$285,900.**

10 **WICKS CIR** purchased by Manuel Mulas from Joseph & Marian Moniz for **$260,000.**

9 **WIRTH AVE** purchased by Ralph & Linsa Velenti from Preferred Prop for **$400,235.**

- WINCHESTER -

Median Price: $375,000

7 **CONANT RD U:35** purchased by Nadim-elfata from Pasquale & Mary Dischino for **$355,000.**

- WOBURN -

Median Price: $230,250

21 **CANTERBURY RD** purchased by Environ Rlty Corp from Carmen W Sarro, Tr for Sarro RT for **$325,000.**

44 **DARTMOUTH ST** purchased by Sean Coakley from Charles Haley 3rd & Leeanne Sacca for **$155,000.**

60 **DAY CIR** purchased by John & Maureen Cannava Jr from Edward & Patricia Mccurdy for **$265,000.**

119 **SALEM ST** purchased by Peter & Lisa Cedrone from Charles & Claire Collins for **$180,000.**

"Tile art" for kids

Mosaics are a fun way to turn leftover tiles into objects of art.

Back in popularity, mosaics have actually been around since very primitive times. The age-old art simply involves assembling many small pieces of stones, tiles, glass and other found objects to create an interesting piece.

For your first piece, try decorating a clay pot with a mosaic pattern.

Collect your leftover tile pieces and put them in a shoe box so you can see what you've got. Take your clay pot and rough it up a little with sandpaper so your adhesive will have something to stick to. Decide where you want to put your tile pieces, making a pattern, if you want, or just arranging them randomly.

Make sure you're wearing latex or rubber gloves for the next part. Use a craft stick to spread a thin layer of adhesive onto the tile back. You will want to add enough adhesive so it will stick, but you don't want too much because it will spill over the edge. Be sure to press the tile firmly against the pot.

When you're finished, let the pot sit for day to be sure the adhesive has had a chance to stick. Next it's time to apply the grout.

"If you plan to leave the pot outside, select a sandy, waterproof grout when you go to your home center, " said Ana Campo, an expert with The Home Depot. "This will keep the moisture from destroying your art. If you're keeping it indoors, a smooth grout is fine."

Put your gloves back on. Using the manufacturer's instructions, mix the grout you think you'll need with water. You can apply it to your pot using a damp sponge or you can use your gloved fingers. Gently work the grout between the pieces, making sure it is smooth and that all the area is filled-in.

When you're done, wipe the extra grout off with a damp sponge. Allow the pot to dry according to the grout package instructions. Some grouts require you to cover your work

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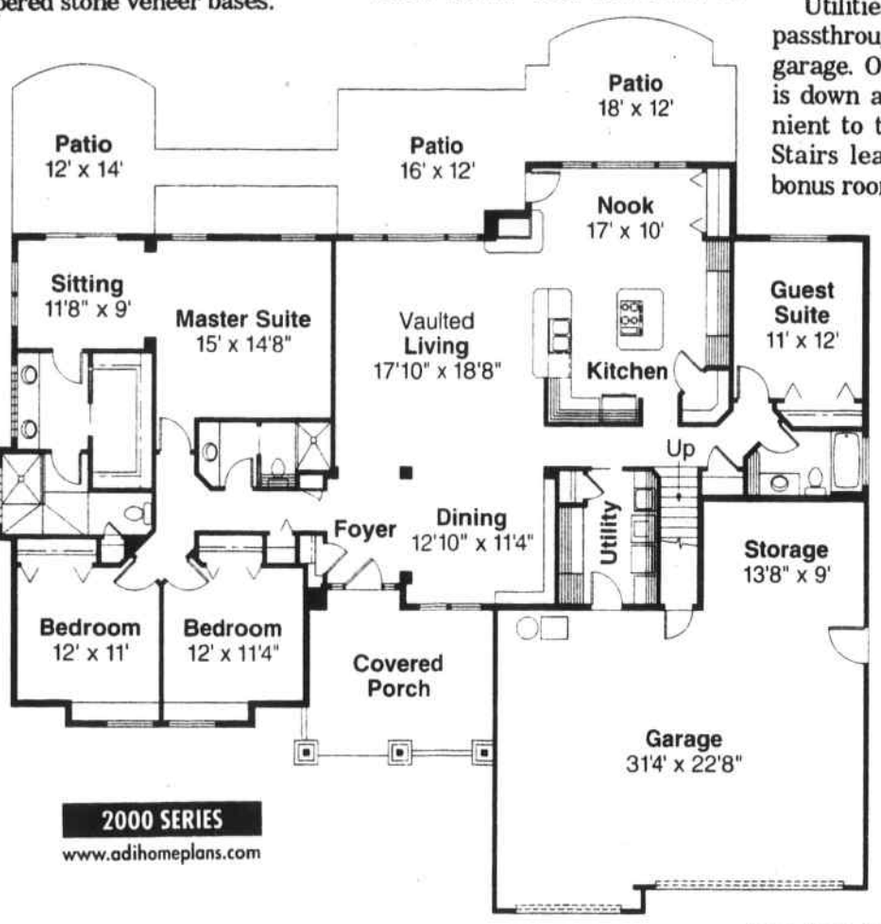
The home's wide profile and three-car garage are clearly reflective of recent trends. Classic Craftsman touches include: graceful geometric upper window sashes, decorative gable supports, and simple squared posts supported by tapered stone veneer bases.

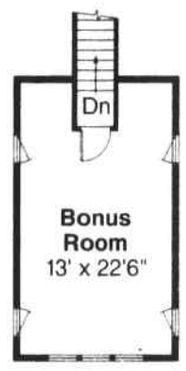
At its core is a vaulted and skylit living room rimmed by wide rear windows. This is an exceptionally bright and spacious gathering space. Potted plants thrive on the high shelf that spans openings to the foyer and dining room. Flames and warmth from the two-sided gas fireplace can be enjoyed from living room, kitchen and nook.

Working in this kitchen, you need never feel isolated. A raised conversation bar is all that separates kitchen from living room, and the patio is in clear view as well.

Counters and cupboard space are amply supplied. A large work island is at center, with long counters, lazy Susan shelving, and two pantries wrapping around three sides. In the nook, a built-in-desk nestles into an alcove that can be hidden behind bifold doors.

Utilities are nearby in a large passthrough that connects to the garage. One of three bathrooms is down a short hallway, convenient to this end of the house. Stairs lead upstairs to a large bonus room over the garage.



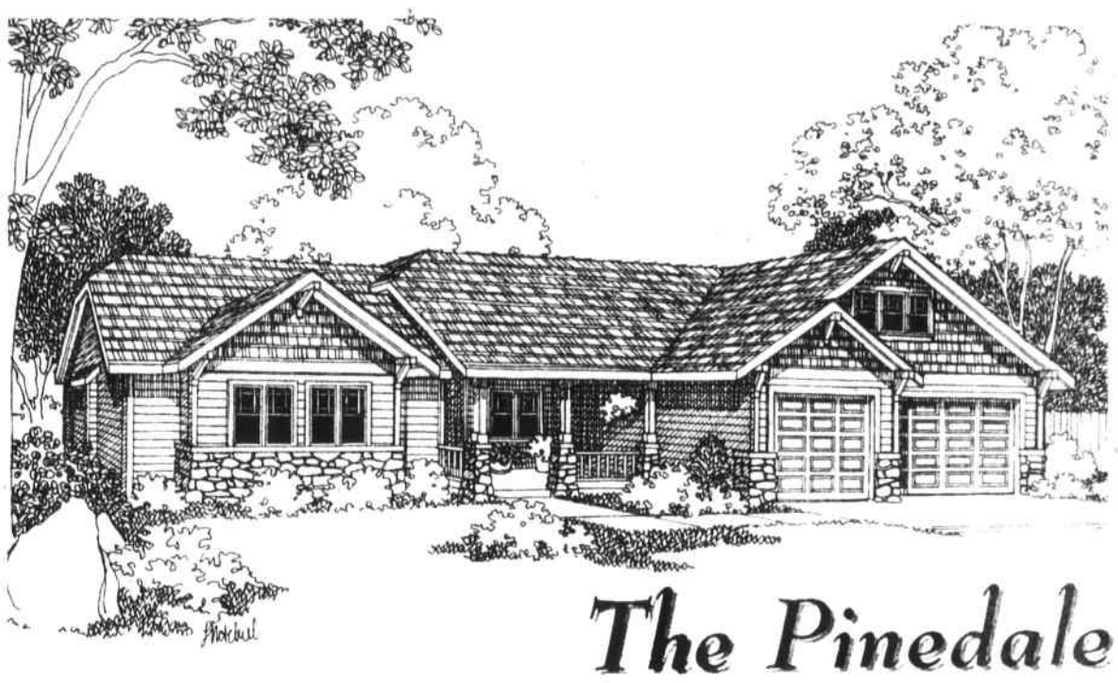


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The **Pinedale** has four bedrooms. Its guest suite could serve as a small home office, if needed, or be used as a hobby room. The large, luxurious master suite boasts a huge walk-in closet, a sunny sitting room and a private patio. Cozy window seats expand both secondary bedrooms.

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with a damp cloth to keep the grout from cracking when it dries. Once the grout is dry, it's okay to clean it up, using a soft cloth.

If you've enjoyed this project and want to keep going, try making a mosaic wall hanging using a wooden picture frame. Take the frame and nail a thin piece of plywood to the back. Fill up the front with your tile design, grout it and you'll have artwork that's suitable for the wall.

"Mosaics work great on wooden planters, table tops, vases and stepping stones, too," said Campo. "Don't be afraid to add broken pieces of china or objects like stones from the yard."

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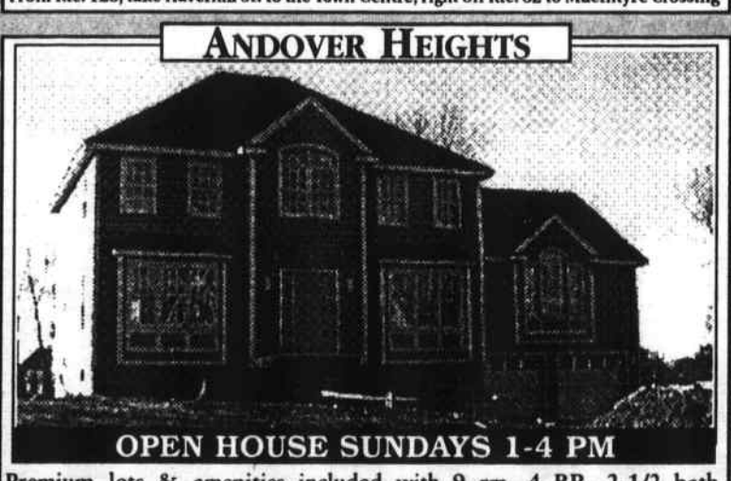


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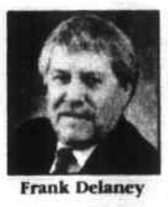

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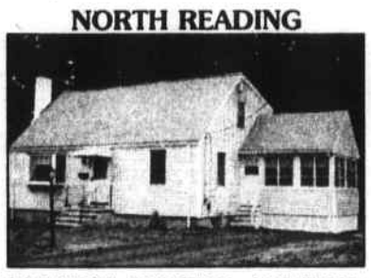
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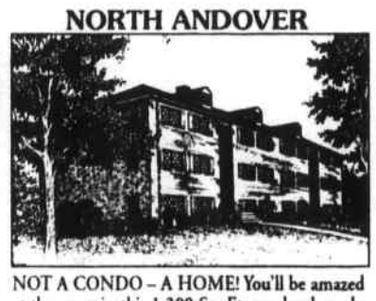
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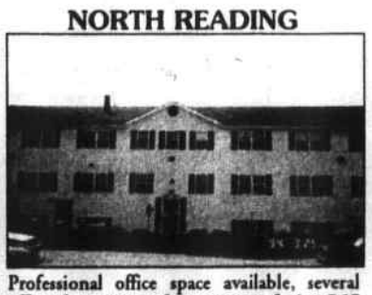
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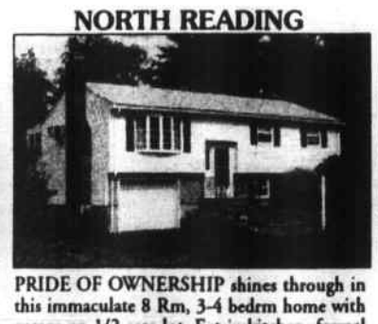
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Holiday entertaining

Hosting a holiday meal is a joyous occasion but often, an expensive one! The cost of food, beverages and table decorations can quickly add up. So how do you ensure that you'll be left with happy memories, not big bills, after hosting a holiday party? Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern New England (CCCS) offers advice for elegant, yet affordable, holiday entertaining.

"Entertaining friends and family for a holiday should be fun, not stressful," said Kristin DiSpirito, Regional Education coordinator for CCCS. "The key to keeping costs down is to plan ahead. It allows you time to find great deals and to make some of what you need from scratch. This can be hard to do amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, but the savings, not to mention the peace of mind, is well worth it."

CCCS recommends the following, to keep holiday entertaining costs low:

PLANNING AND SHOPPING:

• Make a List Check it Twice. Write down everything you'll need. Be sure to include quantities for each item. This may seem obvious, but many people go into a store and simply "wing it." Take it from the personal financial management experts - poor planning leads to overspending and wastefulness. Your shopping list should include food, drinks, paper goods, decorating items and more.

• Create a budget. The amount you allot for entertaining should come from a larger overall holiday spending plan that takes into account all the expenses associated with the holiday season, your total household expenses and total monthly income. Prioritize your shopping list in a way that makes sense. If the menu is most important to you, spend more on food and less on decorations. For example, forgo the large floral centerpiece so that you can serve that extra side dish. Or, if perfect ambiance is what you're after, buy canned green beans rather than fresh ones. Then, splurge on candles! Budgeting is a balancing act. To add to one area, you must find ways to reduce in others.

• Look for SPECIALS. Many stores offer deals on holiday turkeys, ham, fruit, etc. Check the paper and in-store coupon books for great prices or "buy-one-get-one free" promotions. Compare sale prices and be sure that the offer is a true bargain, and not just a ploy to get you to spend more money!

FOOD

• Make and Bake From Scratch. It's true, homemade recipes take a bit longer, but items such as pre-marinated meats and ready-made desserts are marked up because they provide a convenience to the consumer. Taking the time to prepare homemade dishes can save you money and really get you into the holiday spirit.

• Prepare Easy, Low-cost Hors d'oeuvres. This helps keep your food budget low, especially when you are serving a large group. Ideas for low-cost appetizers include simple salads, a crock-pot filled with soup or dips served with chips and/or vegetables. These appetizers are simple, yet still allow creativity and variety. Best of all, they can be made in large quantities to feed a number of guests, but cost less than, say, an elaborate platter of cheeses, pate and puff pastries.

• Try a "Pot Luck" Holiday Meal. What better way to keep costs down than to have everyone pitch in? Many families make the pot luck meal in fun, holiday tradition. As the host, you act as manager, making sure all parts of the meal (appetizers, entrees and desserts) are represented. Then, let your guests be creative! When everyone brings their favorite dish, you have a fantastic holiday dinner, and your family does not have to bear the entire expense.

Decorating

• Take Advantage of Nature's Bounty. Some of the best centerpieces can be made with items found in your backyard, the park or produce sections. Items such as pinecones, brightly colored leaves, dried wild flowers or cranberries can be made into beautiful holiday table centerpieces.

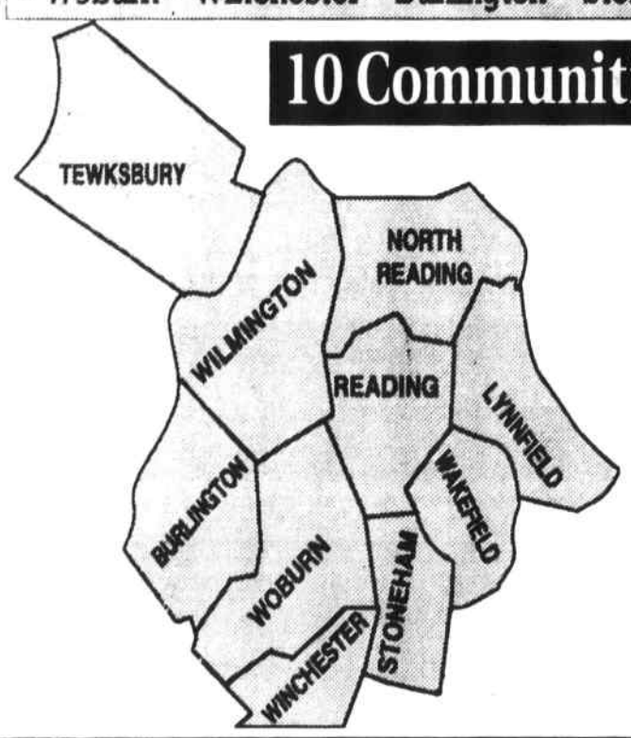
• Copy that Designer Look. Use more expensive stores and catalogs for inspiration, but buy at discount outlets. Go to the dollar store instead of a more expensive store. With a little ingenuity, you can copy a "designer look" for much less than you'd pay at higher-end shops.

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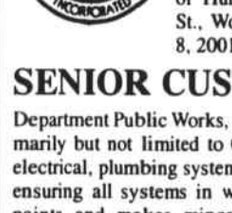
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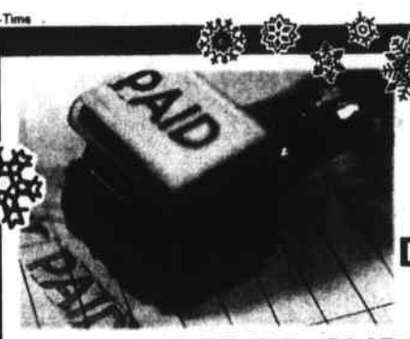
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